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LEGISLATIVE BILL 1159

Introduced by Wishart, 27.

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Committee: Appropriations

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to the
- 2 Department of Health and Human Services; and to declare an
- 3 emergency.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. (1)(a) There is hereby appropriated \$5,000,000 from
2 Federal Funds for FY2022-23 to the Department of Health and Human
3 Services, for Program 514, to aid in carrying out the provisions of this
4 section.

5 (b) There is included in the appropriation to this program
6 \$5,000,000 Federal Funds for state aid, which shall only be used for such
7 purpose.

8 (c) It is the intent of the Legislature that administrative funds
9 needed to carry out this section be funded through Federal Funds to the
10 extent allowed under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

11 (d) It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate an additional
12 \$2,500,000 from Federal Funds each year for FY2023-24 and FY2024-25 to
13 aid in carrying out the provisions of this section.

14 (e) The Federal Funds appropriated and intended to be appropriated
15 in this section are from the funds allocated to the State of Nebraska
16 from the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund pursuant to the
17 federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, Subtitle M,
18 Sec. 9901.

19 (f) The unexpended balance existing on June 30, 2023, is hereby
20 reappropriated.

21 (2)(a) The Department of Health and Human Services shall establish a
22 grant program for a model system of care for individuals who have
23 recovered from COVID-19 with persistent symptoms. The one-time grant
24 shall be awarded to a rehabilitation hospital with the capacity to
25 provide interdisciplinary research. All funds awarded under the grant
26 shall be expended in total no later than December 31, 2026.

27 (b) The model system of care shall be a comprehensive program to
28 address persistent COVID-19 symptoms and include the following
29 activities:

30 (i) Post-COVID-19 research;

31 (ii) Post-COVID-19 clinics;

1 (iii) Mental health services expanded to address cognitive and
2 psychiatric needs of post-COVID-19 patients; and

3 (iv) Educational materials for health care providers and the public.

4 (c) The department shall establish reporting requirements for the
5 grant recipient consistent with the requirements of the federal American
6 Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

7 Sec. 2. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
8 passed and approved according to law.