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LEGISLATIVE BILL 1182

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Committee: Education

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to adopt the School Employees
- 2 Pandemic Protection Act; and to state intent regarding appropriation
- 3 of federal funds.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Sections 1 to 5 of this act shall be known and may be
2 cited as the School Employees Pandemic Protection Act.

3 Sec. 2. For purposes of the School Employees Pandemic Protection
4 Act:

5 (1) Personal protective equipment means any equipment worn or used
6 to minimize exposure to hazards that cause serious workplace illnesses,
7 including, but not limited to, face masks, face shields, gloves,
8 plexiglass barriers, COVID-19 tests, and hand sanitizer; and

9 (2) School employee means an individual employed by a school,
10 including, but not limited to, teachers, paraeducators, administrators,
11 and food service and transportation personnel.

12 Sec. 3. On or before August 1, 2022, the State Department of
13 Education shall create the School Employees Pandemic Protection Program.
14 The purpose of the program is to ensure that each school employee
15 receives a payment, in an amount not to exceed two hundred dollars, to
16 cover the expense of personal protective equipment purchased by a school
17 employee. The payment shall be paid out of the School Employees Pandemic
18 Protection Fund.

19 Sec. 4. The School Employees Pandemic Protection Fund is created.
20 The fund shall be administered by the State Department of Education. The
21 fund shall consist of funds appropriated or transferred by the
22 Legislature and any gifts, grants, bequests, or donations to the fund.
23 Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by the
24 state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act
25 and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

26 Sec. 5. It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate
27 \$10,000,000 from Federal Funds for FY2022-23 to the State Department of
28 Education to implement the School Employees Pandemic Protection Program.
29 The Federal Funds shall be from the funds allocated to the State of
30 Nebraska from the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund pursuant
31 to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2,

1 Subtitle M, Sec. 9901.