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LEGISLATIVE BILL 1194

Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

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Committee: Appropriations

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate federal
- 2 funds to the Public Service Commission; and to declare an emergency.
- 3 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. (1) There is hereby appropriated \$55,000,000 from
2 Federal Funds for FY2022-23 to the Public Service Commission, for Program
3 583, for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. The
4 Federal Funds appropriated in this section are from the funds allocated
5 to the State of Nebraska from the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal
6 Recovery Fund pursuant to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021,
7 Public Law 117-2, Subtitle M, Sec. 9901.

8 (2) The Public Service Commission shall use the funds appropriated
9 in this section in the following manner:

10 (a) \$50,000,000 in aid pro rata to each of Nebraska's sixty-seven
11 public safety answering points. By December 31, 2022, no more than
12 \$2,000,000 shall be used to provide cloud-based software to each public
13 safety answering point as a service for smart phone 911 callers with
14 HTML5 caller geolocation, face-to-face video conferencing between the
15 call center and caller, two-way file sharing, pictograms for disabled
16 callers, and real-time language translation for call takers of at least
17 three languages commonly spoken in Nebraska; and

18 (b) \$3,000,000 to partner with the University of Nebraska for the
19 purpose of establishing a public-private partnership to develop cloud-
20 based software services that utilize artificial intelligence to improve
21 the handling and processing of 911 emergency calls.

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