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LEGISLATIVE BILL 838

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Committee: Education

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the State Department of Education; to
- 2 provide for an aid program; and to declare intent to appropriate
- 3 funds.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. (1) The State Department of Education shall create a
2 program to provide aid to:

3 (a) Employees or self-employed individuals who provide child care or
4 education programs for children; and

5 (b) Providers of activities that support early childhood workforce
6 recruitment and retention.

7 (2) For purposes of this section:

8 (a) Early childhood care and education program means any of the
9 following:

10 (i) A child care program licensed under the Child Care Licensing Act
11 which serves children from birth to kindergarten;

12 (ii) A prekindergarten service or program established pursuant to
13 section 79-1104;

14 (iii) A Head Start program pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 9831 et seq., as
15 such sections existed on January 1, 2022; or

16 (iv) An Early Head Start program pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 9840a et
17 seq., as such sections existed on January 1, 2022; and

18 (b) Early childhood workforce means employees of or a self-employed
19 individual at an early childhood care and education program based in
20 Nebraska.

21 (3) It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate fifteen
22 million dollars from the General Fund each fiscal year to the State
23 Department of Education for the purpose of carrying out this section.