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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1178**

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Walz, 15.

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Committee: Health and Human Services

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to create the
- 2 Intergenerational Care Facility Incentive Grant Program; to provide
- 3 for grants; and to provide powers and duties.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. (1) The Intergenerational Care Facility Incentive Grant  
2 Program is created. It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate  
3 three hundred thousand dollars from the General Fund for fiscal year  
4 2024-25 to the Department of Health and Human Services to provide grants  
5 pursuant to this section.

6           (2) The Department of Health and Human Services shall develop  
7 requirements for eligibility, application, and audits for grants in  
8 collaboration with statewide associations representing nursing homes as  
9 defined in section 38-2414 and other stakeholders. The department shall  
10 meet with such associations prior to October 1, 2024, to identify any  
11 statutes, rules, regulations, or other regulatory barriers that impede  
12 the development of an intergenerational care facility in which nursing  
13 services and child care are provided and develop recommendations to  
14 remediate such barriers that do not impact the safety of the staff or  
15 recipients of the nursing services and child care or the quality of  
16 nursing services and child care.

17           (3) The grants shall be awarded to facilities that are nursing homes  
18 as defined in section 38-2414 or assisted-living facilities as defined in  
19 section 71-5903 and that have been certified for participation in  
20 medicare or medicaid. The grants shall be used for one-time startup costs  
21 to provide for child care in such facilities. A facility may be awarded  
22 one grant under this section of up to one hundred thousand dollars. The  
23 grants shall be awarded for modification of structures, modification of  
24 outside campus space of the nursing facilities, purchase of child care  
25 equipment and supplies, or any combination of such purposes. A facility  
26 that is applying for or awarded a grant is not required to own or operate  
27 the child care services for which the grant is awarded.

28           (4) The department shall award the grants on the basis of date of  
29 application with priority given to rural communities as defined in  
30 section 81-1228 for applications filed on the same date. A facility that  
31 was cited for substandard quality of care during its most recent survey

1 is not eligible for a grant under this section. Each grant recipient  
2 shall establish a plan to participate in the quality rating and  
3 improvement system described in section 71-1956 within three years after  
4 the date the grant is awarded.