

AMENDMENTS TO LB261
(Amendments to AM1320)

Introduced by Spivey, 13.

1 1. Strike sections 24, 176, and 178 and insert the following new
2 sections:

3 **Sec. 24.** AGENCY NO. 5 – SUPREME COURT

4 Program No. 67 - Probation Services

	FY2025-26	FY2026-27
6 GENERAL FUND	36,169,481	37,441,498
7 CASH FUND est.	76,525,608	1,525,608
8 FEDERAL FUND est.	259,840	266,800
9 PROGRAM TOTAL	112,954,929	39,233,906
10 SALARY LIMIT	27,801,958	28,807,185

11 The Department of Administrative Services shall monitor the
12 appropriations and expenditures for this program according to the
13 following program classifications:

14 No. 397 - Statewide Probation

15 No. 398 - Intensive Supervision Probation

16 There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2025-26
17 \$75,000,000 Cash Funds for initiatives and programs designed explicitly
18 to reduce rates of incarceration and recidivism. Eligible programs and
19 activities funded by this appropriation shall include, but not be limited
20 to, addressing systemic and root causes of criminal behavior, reforming
21 and modernizing sentencing statutes to promote fairness and
22 proportionality, and expanding proven alternatives to incarceration, such
23 as problem-solving courts, diversion programs, and other evidence-based
24 rehabilitative initiatives. It is the intent of the Legislature to
25 reappropriate any unexpended Cash Funds for this purpose in the following
26 biennium.

1 There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2025-26
2 \$50,000 General Funds and for FY2026-27 \$50,000 General Funds to increase
3 the payments for interpreter services for deaf and hard of hearing
4 persons and for persons unable to communicate the English language, which
5 shall only be used for such purpose.

6 Cash Fund expenditures for this program shall not be limited to the
7 amounts shown.

8 The unexpended General Fund appropriation balance existing on June
9 30, 2025, is hereby reappropriated.

10 **Sec. 176.** AGENCY NO. 46 – DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

11 Program No. 214 - Vocational and Life Skills

	FY2025-26	FY2026-27
12 GENERAL FUND	6,251,299	6,313,029
13 CASH FUND	33,500,000	4,800,000
14 REVOLVING FUND	116,450	116,450
15 PROGRAM TOTAL	39,667,749	11,229,479
16 SALARY LIMIT	1,799,490	1,832,706

17 (1) There is included in the appropriation to this program for
18 FY2025-26 \$4,000,000 General Funds and \$8,300,000 Cash Funds for state
19 aid, which shall only be used for such purpose. There is included in the
20 appropriation to this program for FY2026-27 \$4,000,000 General Funds and
21 \$4,800,000 Cash Funds for state aid, which shall only be used for such
22 purpose. There is included in the appropriation to this program for
23 FY2025-26 \$25,000,000 for grants to eligible entities including, but not
24 limited to, community-based organizations, community colleges, federally
25 recognized Indian tribes, and nonprofit organizations. These entities
26 shall use the appropriated funds to provide vocational training, life
27 skills development, programming, and supportive services to adults and
28 juveniles who are currently incarcerated, individuals who have been
29 released from incarceration within the preceding eighteen months, and
30 released from incarceration within the preceding eighteen months, and

1 persons currently under community supervision, whether through probation
2 or parole. It is the intent of the Legislature to reappropriate any
3 unexpended Cash Funds for this purpose in the following biennium.

4 (2) It is the intent of the Legislature that \$500,000 General Funds
5 and \$500,000 Cash Funds of the amounts shown as state aid in both
6 FY2025-26 and FY2026-27 be awarded to organizations that provide paid
7 preparatory training programs, preapprenticeship programs, or other paid
8 training that leads directly into a federal registered apprenticeship
9 program and that the grants require a minimum one-to-one cash or in-kind
10 matching contribution. Unallocated grant funds held by the Department of
11 Correctional Services at the end of the fiscal year shall be
12 reappropriated for the next fiscal year.

13 (3) It is the intent of the Legislature that \$7,800,000 Cash Funds
14 of the amount shown as state aid for FY2025-26 and \$4,300,000 Cash Funds
15 of the amount shown as state aid for FY2026-27 be awarded as grants to
16 organizations providing the following services: Reentry and restorative
17 justice programming for adult and juvenile offenders who are committed to
18 a facility and for adult and juvenile offenders who are released from
19 commitment; reentry centers; transitional, community, and half-way
20 housing; supportive permanent housing; wrap-around services; facility-
21 based programming, including unit-based programing; community
22 corrections; front-end, middle, and back-end services and interventions;
23 and family support. Unallocated grant funds held by the Department of
24 Correctional Services at the end of the fiscal year shall be
25 reappropriated for the next fiscal year. It is the intent of the
26 Legislature that grants awarded under this section, except those
27 described in subsection (2) of this section, be paid in advance on a
28 monthly basis. The Department of Correctional Services may require
29 grantees to return unused funds upon documentation that any approved
30 service is not provided or may apply such unused funds to future monthly
31 payments.

1 (4) The unexpended Cash Fund appropriation balance existing on June
2 30, 2025, is hereby reappropriated for the purpose of state aid.

3 **Sec. 178.** AGENCY NO. 46 – DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES
4 Program No. 905 - Correctional Facilities: Site Selection and
5 Planning

6	FY2025-26	FY2026-27	FUTURE
7 NEBRASKA CAPITAL			
8 CONSTRUCTION FUND	-0-	-0-	-0-
9 PROGRAM TOTAL	-0-	-0-	-0-

10 The Department of Correctional Services is hereby authorized and
11 directed to cease all ongoing activities, including planning,
12 contracting, constructing, and development processes, related to the
13 establishment of a new multi-custody-level correctional facility.

14 The Department of Correctional Services, in coordination and
15 collaboration with the Department of Administrative Services, is hereby
16 authorized and directed to allocate and expend one hundred million
17 dollars for comprehensive renovation, modernization, and improvement of
18 the existing Nebraska State Penitentiary, to ensure adequate facilities,
19 enhance operational efficiencies, and improve the safety, security, and
20 rehabilitation outcomes at the Nebraska State Penitentiary.

21 The unexpended Nebraska Capital Construction Fund appropriation
22 balance existing on June 30, 2025, up to \$100,000,000 is hereby
23 reappropriated for the purposes described in this section.

24 2. On page 175, line 23, strike "905,".