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LEGISLATIVE BILL 537

Introduced by Sorrentino, 39.

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Committee: Business and Labor

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Workforce Development Program Cash
- 2 Fund; to amend section 81-407, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska;
- 3 to provide requirements for workforce development grants; to state
- 4 intent regarding funding; and to repeal the original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 **Section 1.** Section 81-407, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
2 amended to read:

3 81-407 (1) The Workforce Development Program Cash Fund is hereby
4 created. The fund shall consist of transfers authorized by the
5 Legislature.

6 (2) The Department of Labor shall administer the fund to provide
7 workforce development grants. The department shall award grants evenly
8 between the three congressional districts. A workforce development grant
9 shall be used for developing job skills, money management, communication
10 skills, job preparation, and job placement. To be eligible for a grant,
11 an applicant shall demonstrate the availability of one-to-one matching
12 from private funds. A grant recipient shall report to the department
13 regarding job placement and self-sufficiency development of individuals
14 receiving such services.

15 (3) Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested
16 by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital
17 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

18 (4) It is the intent of the Legislature to transfer one million five
19 hundred thousand dollars from the General Fund to the Workforce
20 Development Program Cash Fund for fiscal year 2025-26 in order for the
21 department to provide workforce development grants.

22 **Sec. 2.** Original section 81-407, Reissue Revised Statutes of
23 Nebraska, is repealed.