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**LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL**

**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND SESSION**

**FIFTY-FIFTH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Thursday, April 2, 2026

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Senator Storer.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator DeBoer.

**ROLL CALL**

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 9:00 a.m., President Kelly presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Armendariz, Bostar, Conrad, Guereca, Hansen, Hunt, Prokop, and Spivey who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the fifty-fourth day was approved.

**REPORT OF REGISTERED LOBBYISTS**

Following is a list of all lobbyists who have registered as of April 1, 2026, in accordance with Section 49-1481, Revised Statutes of Nebraska. Additional lobbyists who have registered will be filed weekly.

Ford, Marshawn  
threeSisters  
MacDonald, Lindsay Harr  
Nebraskans for Rate Equity (Withdrawn 03/31/2026)  
Rodemaker, Austin  
Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association

(Signed) Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature

**REPORTS**

Agency reports electronically filed with the Legislature can be found on the [Nebraska Legislature's website](#).

**BILLS ON FINAL READING****Dispense With Reading at Large**

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB829 with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 829.** With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Auditor of Public Accounts; to amend section 84-304, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to change provisions relating to certain audit examinations; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 45:

Andersen	DeBoer	Holdcroft	McKinney	Rountree
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer, F.	Sanders
Ballard	Dorn	Hunt	Meyer, G.	Sorrentino
Bosn	Dover	Ibach	Moser	Spivey
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Murman	Storer
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Prokop	Storm
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Kauth	Quick	Strommen
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Raybould	von Gillern
Clouse	Hardin	Lonowski	Riepe	Wordekemper

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 4:

Armendariz    Bostar            Conrad            Hansen

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

**Dispense With Reading at Large**

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB904 with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 904.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act; to amend section 49-1401, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and sections 49-1480 and 49-14,126, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to change provisions relating to Chinese military companies; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 45:

Andersen	DeBoer	Holdcroft	McKinney	Rountree
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer, F.	Sanders
Ballard	Dorn	Hunt	Meyer, G.	Sorrentino
Bosn	Dover	Ibach	Moser	Spivey
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Murman	Storer
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Prokop	Storm
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Kauth	Quick	Strommen
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Raybould	von Gillern
Clouse	Hardin	Lonowski	Riepe	Wordekemper

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 4:

Armendariz	Bostar	Conrad	Hansen
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A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

The following bill was read and put upon final passage:

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1253.** With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to tax sale certificates; to amend section 77-1837.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to applicability of laws; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 46:

Andersen	DeBoer	Hughes	Meyer, G.	Spivey
Arch	DeKay	Hunt	Moser	Storer
Ballard	Dorn	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Bosn	Dover	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Brandt	Dungan	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Lippincott	Riepe	
Clements	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Rountree	
Clouse	Hardin	McKinney	Sanders	
Conrad	Holdcroft	Meyer, F.	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 3:

Armendariz    Bostar        Hansen

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

#### PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LBs 829e, 904, and 1253e.

#### SELECT FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1256.** Senator Kauth withdrew [FA916](#), found on page 456.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 952.** Senator Kauth withdrew [FA608](#), found on page 248.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 998.** Senator Kauth withdrew [FA654](#), found on page 311.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 737.** Senator Kauth withdrew [FA366](#), found on page 188.

Senator Rountree offered the following amendment:

[AM2986](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 sections:  
3 Section 1. Section 81-6,122, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
4 is amended to read:  
5 81-6,122 (1) The Department of Health and Human Services shall, in  
6 collaboration with the Department of Correctional Services, the  
7 Department of Economic Development, the Department of Labor, the  
8 Department of Transportation, the Department of Veterans' Affairs, the  
9 State Department of Education, the University of Nebraska, and the Equal  
10 Opportunity Commission, develop a comprehensive strategic plan for  
11 providing services to qualified persons with disabilities in the most  
12 integrated community-based settings pursuant to the Olmstead decision.  
13 (2) The chief executive officer of the Department of Health and  
14 Human Services shall convene a team to:  
15 (a) Develop the strategic plan described in subsection (1) of this  
16 section;  
17 (b) Appoint and convene a stakeholder advisory committee to assist  
18 in the review and development of the strategic plan, such committee  
19 members to include a representative from the State Advisory Committee on  
20 Mental Health Services, the Advisory Committee on Developmental  
21 Disabilities, the Nebraska Statewide Independent Living Council, the  
22 Nebraska Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities, the Division of  
23 Rehabilitation Services in the State Department of Education, the Public  
24 Service Commission, the Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, the  
25 Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired, a housing authority in a  
26 city of the first or second class and a housing authority in a city of  
27 the primary or metropolitan class, the Assistive Technology Partnership,  
1 the protection and advocacy system for Nebraska, an assisted-living  
2 organization, the behavioral health regions, mental health practitioners,  
3 developmental disability service providers, an organization that  
4 advocates for persons with developmental disabilities, an organization  
5 that advocates for persons with mental illness, an organization that  
6 advocates for persons with brain injuries, and an area agency on aging,  
7 and including two persons with disabilities representing self-advocacy  
8 organizations, and, at the department's discretion, other persons with  
9 expertise in programs serving persons with disabilities;  
10 (c) Arrange for consultation with an independent consultant to  
11 assist with the continued analysis and revision of the strategic plan and  
12 determine whether the benchmarks, deadlines, and timeframes are in  
13 substantial compliance with the strategic plan;  
14 (d) Provide continuing analysis of the strategic plan and a report  
15 on the progress of the strategic plan and changes or revisions to the  
16 Legislature by December 15, 2021, and every three years thereafter; and  
17 (e) Provide the completed strategic plan to the Legislature and the  
18 Governor by December 15, 2019.  
19 (3) The reports and completed plan shall be submitted electronically  
20 to the Legislature.  
21 (4)(a) On or before October 1 of each year, the Health and Human  
22 Services Committee of the Legislature and the Urban Affairs Committee of  
23 the Legislature shall:  
24 (i) Hold a joint public hearing to assess (A) the progress of the  
25 Olmstead plan during the previous calendar year in the areas of housing,  
26 employment, education, community supports, and transportation, and (B)  
27 potential legislative solutions; and

28 (ii) Electronically submit a report of the findings to the Clerk of  
 29 the Legislature no later than December 31 of each year.  
 30 (b) Nothing in this subsection (4) shall be construed to require the  
 31 Department of Health and Human Services to provide the Health and Human  
 1 Services Committee of the Legislature and the Urban Affairs Committee of  
 2 the Legislature the report required by subdivision (2)(d) of this  
 3 section.  
 4 Sec. 2. Original section 81-6,122, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
 5 Nebraska, is repealed.

The Rountree amendment was adopted with 35 ayes, 0 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1108.** Senator Kauth withdrew [FA767](#), found on page 387.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1216.** [ER173](#), found on page 1427, was offered.

ER173 was adopted.

Senator Kauth withdrew [FA876](#), found on page 452.

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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 986.** Senator Kauth withdrew [FA642](#), found on page 291.

Senator G. Meyer offered [AM2959](#), found on page 1391.

Senator G. Meyer offered the following amendment to his amendment:

[FA1151](#)

In AM2959:

To Section 3 (10), line 29, before "security" insert: "In the case of a candidate committee."

Section 4 (1), line 5, before "committee" insert "candidate".

Section 4 (2), line 16 before "committee" insert "candidate".

The G. Meyer amendment was withdrawn.

The G. Meyer amendment, [AM2959](#), was withdrawn.

Senator Hunt offered the following amendment:

[AM2868](#)

1 1. Strike original section 2 and all amendments thereto and insert

2 the following new section:

3 Sec. 2. Section 49-1446.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

4 amended to read:

5 49-1446.03 Except as otherwise provided in the Nebraska Political

6 Accountability and Disclosure Act, any committee may, in addition to the

7 expenditures set forth in section 49-1446.01, make expenditures for the  
8 following:

- 9 (1) The necessary continued operation of the campaign office or  
10 offices of the candidate or political committee;  
11 (2) Social events primarily for the benefit of campaign workers and  
12 volunteers or constituents;  
13 (3) Obtaining public input and opinion;  
14 (4) Repayment of campaign loans incurred prior to election day;  
15 (5) Newsletters and other communications for the purpose of  
16 information, thanks, acknowledgment, or greetings or for the purpose of  
17 political organization and planning;  
18 (6) Gifts of acknowledgment, including flowers and charitable  
19 contributions, except that gifts to any one individual shall not exceed  
20 fifty dollars in any one calendar year;  
21 (7) Meals, lodging, and travel by an officeholder related to his or  
22 her candidacy and for members of the immediate family of the officeholder  
23 when involved in activities related to his or her candidacy;  
24 (8) Conference fees, meals, lodging, and travel by an officeholder,  
25 ~~the officeholder's minor children, and the officeholder's and his or her~~  
26 ~~staff when the officeholder or staff is involved in activities related to~~  
27 ~~the duties of the officeholder his or her public office; and~~  
1 (9) Child care services incurred by an officeholder when the  
2 officeholder is involved in activities related to the duties of the  
3 officeholder;  
4 ~~(10)(9) In the case of the candidate committee for the Governor,~~  
5 ~~conference fees, meals, lodging, and travel by the Governor, his or her~~  
6 ~~staff, and his or her immediate family, when involved in activities~~  
7 ~~related to the duties of the Governor; and-~~  
8 (11) Security services and systems, including security personnel,  
9 hardware, software, electronic security equipment, installation,  
10 maintenance, monitoring and other reasonable physical and structural  
11 security measures and improvements.

**SENATOR DORN PRESIDING**

Senator Hunt moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 31 ayes, 0 nays, and 18 not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the Hunt amendment.

Voting in the affirmative, 18:

Bostar	DeBoer	Hallstrom	Prokop	Spivey
Brandt	Dungan	Hunt	Quick	Storer
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Raybould	
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	McKinney	Rountree	

Voting in the negative, 20:

Andersen	DeKay	Ibach	Lonowski	Murman
Armendariz	Dorn	Jacobson	Meyer, F.	Sorrentino
Clements	Hansen	Kauth	Meyer, G.	Storm
Clouse	Holdcroft	Lippincott	Moser	von Gillern

Present and not voting, 11:

Arch	Conrad	Hughes	Strommen
Ballard	Dover	Riepe	Wordekemper
Bosn	Hardin	Sanders	

The Hunt amendment lost with 18 ayes, 20 nays, and 11 present and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Hunt offered the following amendment:

[FA1154](#)

On page 3, strike the existing subsection 8 and insert the following language: "(8) Conference fees, meals, lodging, and travel by the officeholder, the officeholder's minor children and the office holder's staff when the office holder or staff is involved in activities related to the duties of the officeholder;".

The Hunt amendment was withdrawn.

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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 888.** Senator Kauth withdrew [FA528](#), found on page 225.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1048.** [ER179](#), found on page 1472, was offered.

ER179 was adopted.

Senator Andersen offered the following amendment:

[AM3075](#)

(Amendments to E and R amendments, ER179)

1 1. Insert the following new section:  
 2 Sec. 7. Section 73-815, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
 3 2024, is amended to read:  
 4 73-815 Except as provided in section 73-813, all proposals for sole  
 5 source contracts for services in excess of fifty thousand dollars shall  
 6 be preapproved by the division except in emergencies. In case of an  
 7 emergency, contract approval by the state agency director or his or her  
 8 designee is required. ~~Copies~~A copy of the contract and state agency  
 9 justification of the emergency shall be provided to the Director of  
 10 Administrative Services and the Auditor of Public Accounts within three  
 11 business days after contract approval. The state agency shall retain a  
 12 copy of the justification with the contract in the state agency files.  
 13 The Director of Administrative Services shall maintain a complete record  
 14 of such sole source contracts for services.  
 15 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer  
 16 accordingly.

The Andersen amendment was adopted with 42 ayes, 0 nays, and 7 present and not voting.

Senator Kauth withdrew [FA707](#), found on page 340.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 826.** [ER175](#), found on page 1472, was offered.

ER175 was adopted.

Senator Kauth withdrew [FA455](#), found on page 196.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1086.** [ER172](#), found on page 1472, was offered.

ER172 was adopted.

Senator Kauth withdrew [FA745](#), found on page 368.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

### **PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR**

Presented to the Governor on April 2, 2026, at 9:28 a.m. were the following:  
LBs 829e, 904, and 1253e.

(Signed) Mataya Douty  
Clerk of the Legislature's Office

### **AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal**

Senator Hughes filed the following amendment to [LB1050](#):

[AM3052](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and  
2 insert the following new sections:  
3 Section 1. Section 79-2601, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
4 amended to read:  
5 79-2601 Sections 79-2601 to 79-2607 and sections 2 and 5 of this act  
6 shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Reading Improvement Act.  
7 Sec. 2. (1) On or before July 1, 2027, the State Department of  
8 Education shall develop and adopt a model policy relating to  
9 identification of students with a reading deficiency, reading  
10 interventions for kindergarten and grades one through three, dyslexia  
11 screening, dyslexia technical assistance, parental involvement in reading  
12 interventions, the right of a parent or guardian to retain the parent's  
13 or guardian's child pursuant to section 79-2,161, retention at grade  
14 three for students with persistent reading deficiencies, and override of  
15 retention in grade three by a parent or guardian. The model policy shall  
16 incorporate evidence based best practices in the science of reading  
17 instruction. The model policy shall include appropriate data reporting to  
18 the department for purposes of assessing the effectiveness of reading  
19 interventions and the retention of students at grade three. Such model  
20 policy shall be developed to ensure flexibility for school districts to

21 ~~implement any requirements within existing resources.~~

22 (2) On or before August 1, 2028, each school board shall develop and  
23 adopt a policy consistent with the model policy developed by the  
24 department pursuant to subsection (1) of this section. Such policy shall  
25 be a requirement for accreditation in accordance with section 79-703 and  
26 shall be filed with the Commissioner of Education for review and  
27 approval. Each school district shall implement and adhere to the policy  
1 adopted by the school board pursuant to this section.

2 (3) Beginning in school year 2027-28, the department shall provide  
3 access to technical resources, including, staff, training, and an  
4 approved list of high quality instructional materials that do not include  
5 three-cueing methods, to each school district for purposes of  
6 implementing identification of students with reading deficiencies,  
7 reading interventions, dyslexia screening, dyslexia technical assistance,  
8 and retention policies consistent with this section.

9 Sec. 3. Section 79-2603, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
10 amended to read:

11 79-2603 (1) Each school district shall administer ~~the~~ approved  
12 reading assessment three times during the school year to all students in  
13 kindergarten through grade three, except for any student receiving  
14 specialized instruction for limited English proficiency who has been  
15 receiving such instruction for less than two years, any student receiving  
16 special education services for whom such assessment would conflict with  
17 the individualized education ~~program~~ plan, and any student receiving  
18 services under a plan pursuant to the requirements of section 504 of the  
19 federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. 794, or Title II of the  
20 federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. 12131 to  
21 12165, as such acts and sections existed on January 1, 2021, for whom  
22 such assessment would conflict with such section 504 or Title II plan.  
23 The first administration of such assessment for kindergarten students  
24 shall occur within the first forty-five calendar days that school is in  
25 session of each school year and for all other grades within the first  
26 thirty calendar days that school is in session of each school year.

27 (2) For purposes of the Nebraska Reading Improvement Act, ~~the~~  
28 approved reading assessment ~~shall be~~ means an assessment of student  
29 reading skills approved by the State Department of Education which:  
30 (a) Measures progress toward proficiency in the reading skills  
31 assessed pursuant to subsection (5) of section 79-760.03 on the statewide  
1 assessment of reading for grade three;

2 (b) Is valid and reliable;

3 (c) Is aligned with academic content standards for reading adopted  
4 by either the State Board of Education pursuant to section 79-760.01 or  
5 the school district administering such assessment pursuant to section  
6 79-760.02; and

7 (d) Allows teachers access to results in a reasonable time period as  
8 established by the department, not to exceed fifteen contract days; ~~and~~

9 ~~(e) Is commercially available and complies with requirements~~  
10 ~~established by the department.~~

11 (3) On or before March 1, 2019, and on or before each March 1  
12 thereafter, the department shall make public the ~~list of~~ approved reading  
13 ~~assessment~~ assessments for the subsequent school year and the threshold  
14 level of performance for ~~each~~ such assessment. A student performing below  
15 the threshold level shall be identified as having a reading deficiency  
16 for purposes of the Nebraska Reading Improvement Act.

17 (4) Diagnostic assessments used within a supplemental reading  
18 intervention program do not require department approval.

19 Sec. 4. Section 79-2607, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
20 amended to read:

21 79-2607 (1) For purposes of this section:

22 (a) Evidence-based reading instruction means instruction in reading

23 that is in alignment with scientifically based reading research and does  
 24 not include the three-cueing system model of reading instruction; and  
 25 (b) Three-cueing system model of reading instruction is an approach  
 26 to foundational skills instruction that involves the use of three  
 27 different types of instructional cues which include semantic, syntactic,  
 28 and graphophonic.

29 (2)(a) The State Department of Education shall develop and implement  
 30 a professional learning system to help provide sustained professional  
 31 learning and training regarding evidence-based reading instruction for  
 1 teachers who teach children from four years of age through third grade at  
 2 an approved or accredited school and teachers employed by an early  
 3 childhood education program approved by the State Board of Education. The  
 4 professional learning system shall include information and tips for  
 5 teachers related to helping children and families work with local family  
 6 literacy centers to strengthen home and family literacy programs and  
 7 better instruct children in reading.

8 (b) Approved or accredited elementary schools and early childhood  
 9 education programs approved by the State Board of Education shall ensure  
 10 that teachers who teach children from four years of age through third  
 11 grade are aware of the professional learning system and are adequately  
 12 trained regarding evidence-based reading instruction to effectively  
 13 instruct students in reading.

14 (3) The State Department of Education shall work with educational  
 15 service units to provide regional coaches to approved or accredited  
 16 elementary schools to provide assistance and job-embedded training  
 17 relating to evidence-based reading instruction to teachers who teach  
 18 students in kindergarten through third grade.

19 (4) On or before September 30 of each year, the Commissioner of  
 20 Education shall file a report electronically with the Clerk of the  
 21 Legislature relating to the status and use of the professional learning  
 22 system implemented pursuant to this section.

23 (5) It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate two million  
 24 dollars from the Education Future Fund for each fiscal year ~~beginning~~  
 25 ~~with fiscal year 2024-25 through fiscal year 2026-27~~ to the State  
 26 Department of Education to provide regional coaches and job-embedded  
 27 training relating to evidence-based reading instruction pursuant to  
 28 subsection (2) or (3) of this section.

29 (6) The State Department of Education ~~shall~~may provide technical  
 30 assistance as needed to assist school boards in carrying out the Nebraska  
 31 Reading Improvement Act.

1 ~~(7) The department may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to~~  
 2 ~~carry out the act.~~

3 Sec. 5. The State Board of Education may adopt and promulgate rules  
 4 and regulations to carry out the Nebraska Reading Improvement Act.

5 Sec. 6. Original sections 79-2601, 79-2603, and 79-2607, Reissue

6 Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

## GENERAL FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 966.** Title read. Considered.

Senator Hunt moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with  
 29 ayes, 0 nays, and 20 not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the advancement of the  
 bill.

Voting in the affirmative, 32:

Arch	Clouse	Guereca	Meyer, F.	Sanders
Ballard	Conrad	Hallstrom	Meyer, G.	Spivey
Bosn	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Prokop	Strommen
Bostar	Dorn	Hughes	Quick	Wordekemper
Brandt	Dover	Hunt	Raybould	
Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	Juarez	Riepe	
Cavanaugh, M.	Fredrickson	McKinney	Rountree	

Voting in the negative, 7:

Andersen	Jacobson	Moser	Storm
Clements	Kauth	Murman	

Present and not voting, 9:

Armendariz	Hardin	Lippincott	Sorrentino	von Gillern
Hansen	Ibach	Lonowski	Storer	

Excused and not voting, 1:

DeKay

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 32 ayes, 7 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 929.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM2991](#), found on page 1420, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 29 ayes, 8 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 28 ayes, 9 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 962.** Senator McKinney asked unanimous consent to withdraw [MO511](#), found on page 995, to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

No objections. So ordered.

Title Read. Considered.

Committee [AM2683](#), found on page 1166, was offered.

Senator McKinney asked unanimous consent to withdraw the following motions:

[MO512](#), found on page 995, to bracket until April 17, 2026.

[MO513](#), found on page 995, to recommit to the Judiciary Committee.

No objections. So ordered.

Senator McKinney offered the following amendment to the committee amendment:

[AM3065](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2683)

1 1. Strike sections 4 and 7 and insert the following new sections:

2 Sec. 4. (1)(a) The Department of Health and Human Services, the  
 3 Office of Juvenile Services, the Office of Probation Administration, and  
 4 the Division of Rehabilitation Services of the State Department of  
 5 Education shall collaboratively establish the Youth Reentry and  
 6 Transitional Support Program.

7 (b) The Department of Health and Human Services shall be responsible  
 8 for supervision and programming for youth placed in the care, custody,  
 9 and control of the department by court order pursuant to the Nebraska  
 10 Juvenile Code. The Office of Probation Administration shall be  
 11 responsible for supervision and programming for youth placed under  
 12 probation supervision by court order pursuant to the Nebraska Juvenile  
 13 Code.

14 (2) The Youth Reentry and Transitional Support Program shall provide  
 15 for the following for each youth:

16 (a) Completion of a transition plan;

17 (b) Regular reviews of each youth's transition plan. These reviews  
 18 shall be accomplished by a representative of the facility or the Office  
 19 of Probation Administration, as appropriate, and shall occur weekly for  
 20 detention or other short-term placements and monthly for all other  
 21 placements, including placement at a youth rehabilitation and treatment  
 22 center; and

23 (c) Supervision following re-entry by the Department of Health and  
 24 Human Services, the Office of Juvenile Services, or the Office of  
 25 Probation Administration, as appropriate, to ensure a successful  
 26 transition.

1 Sec. 7. Nothing in the Youth Reentry and Transitional Support Act  
 2 shall be construed to require:

3 (1) The Office of Probation Administration to provide services to a  
 4 youth after a term of probation has ended; or

5 (2) The Department of Health and Human Services or Office of  
 6 Juvenile Services to provide services to a youth after the youth has left  
 7 the care, custody, and control of the department.

8 2. On page 1, line 10, strike "out-of-home" and insert "congregate  
 9 care"; and in line 18, strike "a" and insert "an age-appropriate,".

10 3. On page 2, line 2, strike "an out-of-home" and insert "a  
 11 congregate care"; in line 6, strike "out-of-home" and insert "congregate  
 12 care".

13 4. On page 3, line 1, strike "out-of-home" and insert "congregate  
 14 care"; in line 14 strike "ensuring".

15 5. On page 4, line 15, strike "align" and insert "integrate  
 16 transition planning into its".

17 6. On page 5, line 8, strike "shall" and insert "may".

The McKinney amendment was adopted with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator McKinney offered the following amendment to the committee amendment:

[FA1152](#)

In AM2683, on page 3, line 1 strike "upon beginning" and replace with "admission to".

The McKinney amendment was adopted with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 298CA.** Speaker Arch requested to pass over LR298CA.

**VISITOR(S)**

Visitors to the Chamber were Steve, Atefeh, and Cameron Schadendorf, California; students, teachers, and sponsor from Standing Bear High School, Lincoln; students from Trumble Park Elementary, Papillion.

The Doctors of the Day were Dr. Dave Hoelting, Pender, and Dr. Amber Beckenhauer, Blair.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:40 a.m., on a motion by Senator Arch, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 7, 2026.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature