

AMENDMENTS TO LB1329

Introduced by Education.

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:

3 Section 1. Section 28-1201, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, is
4 amended to read:

5 28-1201 For purposes of sections 28-1201 to 28-1212.04, unless the
6 context otherwise requires:

7 (1) Case means (a) a hard-sided or soft-sided box, container, or
8 receptacle intended or designed for the primary purpose of storing or
9 transporting a firearm or (b) the firearm manufacturer's original
10 packaging. ~~This definition does not apply to section 28-1204.04;~~

11 (2) Concealed handgun means a handgun that is entirely obscured from
12 view. If any part of the handgun is capable of being seen or observed by
13 another person, it is not a concealed handgun;

14 (3) Firearm means any weapon which is designed to or may readily be
15 converted to expel any projectile by the action of an explosive or frame
16 or receiver of any such weapon;

17 (4) Fugitive from justice means any person who has fled or is
18 fleeing from any peace officer to avoid prosecution or incarceration for
19 a felony;

20 (5) Handgun means any firearm with a barrel less than sixteen inches
21 in length or any firearm designed to be held and fired by the use of a
22 single hand;

23 (6) Home school means a school which: (i) Elects pursuant to section
24 79-1601 not to meet accreditation or approval requirements; and (ii) is
25 located in a personal residence;

26 (7) ~~(6)~~ Juvenile means any person under the age of eighteen years;

27 (8) ~~(7)~~ Knife means:

1 (a) Any dagger, dirk, knife, or stiletto with a blade over three and
2 one-half inches in length and which, in the manner it is used or intended
3 to be used, is capable of producing death or serious bodily injury; or

4 (b) Any other dangerous instrument which is capable of inflicting
5 cutting, stabbing, or tearing wounds and which, in the manner it is used
6 or intended to be used, is capable of producing death or serious bodily
7 injury;

8 (9) ~~(8)~~ Knuckles and brass or iron knuckles means any instrument
9 that consists of finger rings or guards made of a hard substance and that
10 is designed, made, or adapted for the purpose of inflicting serious
11 bodily injury or death by striking a person with a fist enclosed in the
12 knuckles;

13 (10) ~~(9)~~ Machine gun means any firearm, whatever its size and usual
14 designation, that shoots automatically more than one shot, without manual
15 reloading, by a single function of the trigger;

16 (11)(a) ~~(10)(a)~~ Minor means a person who is under twenty-one years
17 of age.

18 (b) Minor does not include a person who is eighteen years of age or
19 older if the person is (i) a member of the armed forces of the United
20 States, active or reserve, National Guard of this state, or Reserve
21 Officers' Training Corps or (ii) a peace officer or other duly authorized
22 law enforcement officer;

23 (12)(a) ~~(11)(a)~~ Prohibited person means:

24 (i) A person prohibited from possessing a firearm or ammunition by
25 state law, including, but not limited to, section 28-1206; or

26 (ii) A person prohibited from possessing a firearm or ammunition by
27 18 U.S.C. 922(d) or (g), as such section existed on January 1, 2023.

28 (b) This definition does not apply to the use of the term prohibited
29 person in section 28-1206;

30 (13) ~~(12)~~ Qualified law enforcement officer and qualified retired
31 law enforcement officer have the same meanings as in 18 U.S.C. 926B and

1 926C, respectively, as such sections existed on January 1, 2023;

2 (14)(a) ~~(13)~~ School means a public, private, denominational, or
3 parochial elementary, vocational, or secondary school, a private
4 postsecondary career school as defined in section 85-1603, a community
5 college, a public or private college, a junior college, or a
6 university. ÷

7 (b) School does not include a home school;

8 (15) ~~(14)~~ Short rifle means a rifle having a barrel less than
9 sixteen inches long or an overall length of less than twenty-six inches;
10 and

11 (16) ~~(15)~~ Short shotgun means a shotgun having a barrel or barrels
12 less than eighteen inches long or an overall length of less than twenty-
13 six inches.

14 Sec. 2. Section 28-1202.01, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, is
15 amended to read:

16 28-1202.01 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section and
17 section 28-1204.04, a person, other than a minor or a prohibited person,
18 may carry a concealed handgun anywhere in Nebraska, with or without a
19 permit under the Concealed Handgun Permit Act.

20 (2) Except as provided in subsection (10) of this section, a person
21 shall not carry a concealed handgun into or onto any place or premises
22 where the person, persons, entity, or entities in control of the place or
23 premises or employer in control of the place or premises has prohibited
24 the carrying of concealed handguns into or onto the place or premises.

25 (3) Except as provided in subsection (10) of this section, a person
26 shall not carry a concealed handgun into or onto any: Police, sheriff, or
27 Nebraska State Patrol station or office; detention facility, prison, or
28 jail; courtroom or building which contains a courtroom; polling place
29 during a bona fide election; meeting of the governing body of a county,
30 public school district, municipality, or other political subdivision;
31 meeting of the Legislature or a committee of the Legislature; financial

1 institution; professional or semiprofessional athletic event; building,
2 grounds, vehicle, or sponsored activity or athletic event of any school;
3 ~~public, private, denominational, or parochial elementary, vocational, or~~
4 ~~secondary school, a private postsecondary career school as defined in~~
5 ~~section 85-1603, a community college, or a public or private college,~~
6 ~~junior college, or university;~~ place of worship; hospital, emergency
7 room, or trauma center; political rally or fundraiser; establishment
8 having a license issued under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act that
9 derives over one-half of its total income from the sale of alcoholic
10 liquor; place where the possession or carrying of a firearm is prohibited
11 by state or federal law; or any other place or premises where handguns
12 are prohibited by state law.

13 (4)(a) A financial institution may authorize its security personnel
14 to carry concealed handguns in the financial institution while on duty so
15 long as each member of the security personnel, as authorized, is not
16 otherwise prohibited by state law from possessing or carrying a concealed
17 handgun and is in compliance with sections 28-1202.02 to 28-1202.04.

18 (b) A place of worship may authorize its security personnel to carry
19 concealed handguns on its property if:

20 (i) Each member of the security personnel, as authorized, is not
21 otherwise prohibited by state law from possessing or carrying a concealed
22 handgun and is in compliance with sections 28-1202.02 to 28-1202.04;

23 (ii) Written notice is given to the congregation; and

24 (iii) For leased property, the carrying of concealed handguns on the
25 property does not violate the terms of any real property lease agreement
26 between the place of worship and the lessor.

27 (5) If a person, persons, entity, or entities in control of the
28 place or premises or an employer in control of the place or premises
29 prohibits the carrying of concealed handguns into or onto the place or
30 premises and such place or premises are open to the public, a person does
31 not violate this section unless the person, persons, entity, or entities

1 in control of the place or premises or employer in control of the place
2 or premises has posted conspicuous notice that carrying a concealed
3 handgun is prohibited in or on the place or premises or has made a
4 request, directly or through an authorized representative or management
5 personnel, that the person remove the concealed handgun from the place or
6 premises.

7 (6) A person carrying a concealed handgun in a vehicle or on his or
8 her person while riding in or on a vehicle into or onto any parking area,
9 which is open to the public, used by any location listed in subsection
10 (2) or (3) of this section, does not violate this section if, prior to
11 exiting the vehicle, the handgun is locked inside the glove box, trunk,
12 or other compartment of the vehicle, a storage box securely attached to
13 the vehicle, or, if the vehicle is a motorcycle, other than an autocycle,
14 a hardened compartment securely attached to the motorcycle. This
15 subsection does not apply to any parking area used by such location when
16 the carrying of a concealed handgun into or onto such parking area is
17 prohibited by federal law.

18 (7) An employer may prohibit employees or other persons from
19 carrying concealed handguns in vehicles owned by the employer.

20 (8) A violation of this section is a Class III misdemeanor for a
21 first offense and a Class I misdemeanor for any second or subsequent
22 offense.

23 (9)(a) Except as provided in subdivision (9)(b) of this section, it
24 is an affirmative defense to a violation of subsection (3) of this
25 section that the defendant was engaged in any lawful business, calling,
26 or employment at the time the defendant was carrying a concealed handgun
27 and the circumstances in which the defendant was placed at the time were
28 such as to justify a prudent person in carrying a concealed handgun for
29 the defense of his or her person, property, or family.

30 (b) The affirmative defense provided for in this subsection:

31 (i) Does not prevent a prosecution for a violation of section

1 28-1204.04; and

2 (ii) Is not available if the defendant refuses to remove the
3 concealed handgun from the place or premises after a person in control of
4 the place or premises has made a request, directly or through an
5 authorized representative or management personnel, that the defendant
6 remove the concealed handgun from the place or premises.

7 (10) Subsections (2) and (3) of this section do not apply to a
8 qualified law enforcement officer or qualified retired law enforcement
9 officer carrying a concealed handgun pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 926B or 926C,
10 respectively, as such sections existed on January 1, 2023.

11 (11) Action taken in compliance with section 28-1204.04 shall not be
12 a violation of this section.

13 Sec. 3. Section 28-1204.04, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
14 2022, is amended to read:

15 28-1204.04 (1) Any person who possesses a firearm in a school, on
16 school grounds, in a school-owned vehicle, or at a school-sponsored
17 activity or athletic event is guilty of the offense of unlawful
18 possession of a firearm at a school. Unlawful possession of a firearm at
19 a school is a Class IV felony.

20 (2) Subsection (1) of this section does ~~This subsection shall~~ not
21 apply to:

22 (a) ~~The~~ the issuance of firearms to or possession by members of the
23 armed forces of the United States, active or reserve, National Guard of
24 this state, or Reserve Officers' ~~Officers~~ Training Corps or peace
25 officers or other duly authorized law enforcement officers when on duty
26 or training; ~~;~~

27 (b) ~~The~~ the possession of firearms by peace officers or other duly
28 authorized law enforcement officers;

29 (c) The carrying of concealed handguns by qualified law enforcement
30 officers or qualified retired law enforcement officers carrying pursuant
31 to 18 U.S.C. 926B or 926C, respectively, as such sections existed on

1 January 1, 2023;

2 (d) Possession of a firearm by a person who is (i) employed or when
3 contracted by a school to provide school security or school event control
4 services and (ii) acting in conformance with a written policy adopted by
5 such school that complies with subsection (3) of this section; ~~-(e)~~

6 (e) Firearms ~~firearms~~ which may lawfully be possessed by the person
7 receiving instruction, for instruction under the immediate supervision of
8 an adult instructor; ~~;~~ ~~τ~~

9 (f) Firearms ~~(d) firearms~~ which may lawfully be possessed by a
10 member of a college or university firearm team, to include rifle, pistol,
11 and shotgun disciplines, within the scope of such person's duties as a
12 member of the team; ~~;~~ ~~τ~~

13 (g) Firearms ~~(e) firearms~~ which may lawfully be possessed by a
14 person employed by a college or university in this state as part of an
15 agriculture or a natural resources program of such college or university,
16 within the scope of such person's employment; ~~;~~ ~~τ~~

17 (h) Firearms ~~(f) firearms~~ contained within a private vehicle
18 operated by a nonstudent adult which are not loaded and (i) are enclosed
19 in a case ~~encased~~ or (ii) are in a locked firearm rack that is on a motor
20 vehicle; ~~;~~ ~~τ~~

21 (i) Firearms ~~(g) firearms~~ which may lawfully be possessed by a
22 person for the purpose of using them, with the approval of the school, in
23 a historical reenactment, in a hunter education program, or as part of an
24 honor guard; ~~;~~ ~~τ~~ or

25 (j) A ~~(h) a~~ handgun carried as a concealed handgun by a person other
26 than a minor or prohibited person ~~valid holder of a permit issued under~~
27 ~~the Concealed Handgun Permit Act~~ in a vehicle or on his or her person
28 while riding in or on a vehicle into or onto any parking area, which is
29 open to the public and used by a school if, prior to exiting the vehicle,
30 the handgun is locked inside the glove box, trunk, or other compartment
31 of the vehicle, a storage box securely attached to the vehicle, or, if

1 the vehicle is a motorcycle, other than an autocycle, a hardened
2 compartment securely attached to the motorcycle while the vehicle is in
3 or on such parking area, ~~except as prohibited by federal law. For~~
4 ~~purposes of this subsection, encased means enclosed in a case that is~~
5 ~~expressly made for the purpose of containing a firearm and that is~~
6 ~~completely zipped, snapped, buckled, tied, or otherwise fastened with no~~
7 ~~part of the firearm exposed.~~

8 (3) A school board or other governing body of a school may authorize
9 the carrying of firearms by authorized security personnel in a school, on
10 school grounds, in a school-owned vehicle, or at a school-sponsored
11 activity or athletic event by adopting a written policy governing such
12 conduct. Such written policy shall, at a minimum, include requirements
13 for personal qualifications, training, appropriate firearms and
14 ammunition, and appropriate use of force.

15 (4) ~~(2)~~ Any firearm possessed in violation of subsection (1) of this
16 section shall be confiscated without warrant by a peace officer or may be
17 confiscated without warrant by school administrative or teaching
18 personnel. Any firearm confiscated by school administrative or teaching
19 personnel shall be delivered to a peace officer as soon as practicable.

20 (5) ~~(3)~~ Any firearm confiscated by or given to a peace officer
21 pursuant to subsection (4) ~~(2)~~ of this section shall be declared a common
22 nuisance and shall be held by the peace officer prior to his or her
23 delivery of the firearm to the property division of the law enforcement
24 agency which employs the peace officer. The property division of such law
25 enforcement agency shall hold such firearm for as long as the firearm is
26 needed as evidence. After the firearm is no longer needed as evidence, it
27 shall be destroyed in such manner as the court may direct.

28 (6)(a) ~~(4)~~ Whenever a firearm is confiscated and held pursuant to
29 this section or section 28-1204.02, the peace officer who received such
30 firearm shall cause to be filed within ten days after the confiscation a
31 petition for destruction of such firearm. The petition shall be filed in

1 the district court of the county in which the confiscation is made. The
2 petition shall describe the firearm held, state the name of the owner, if
3 known, allege the essential elements of the violation which caused the
4 confiscation, and conclude with a prayer for disposition and destruction
5 in such manner as the court may direct.

6 (b) At any time after the confiscation of the firearm and prior to
7 court disposition, the owner of the firearm seized may petition the
8 district court of the county in which the confiscation was made for
9 possession of the firearm. The court shall release the firearm to such
10 owner only if the claim of ownership can reasonably be shown to be true
11 and either:

12 (i) ~~The (a)~~ the owner of the firearm can show that the firearm was
13 taken from his or her property or place of business unlawfully or without
14 the knowledge and consent of the owner and that such property or place of
15 business is different from that of the person from whom the firearm was
16 confiscated; or

17 (ii) ~~The (b)~~ the owner of the firearm is acquitted of the charge of
18 unlawful possession of a handgun in violation of section 28-1204,
19 unlawful transfer of a firearm to a juvenile, or unlawful possession of a
20 firearm at a school.

21 (c) No firearm having significant antique value or historical
22 significance as determined by the Nebraska State Historical Society shall
23 be destroyed. If a firearm has significant antique value or historical
24 significance, it shall be sold at auction and the proceeds shall be
25 remitted to the State Treasurer for distribution in accordance with
26 Article VII, section 5, of the Constitution of Nebraska.

27 Sec. 4. Section 79-810, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
28 2022, is amended to read:

29 79-810 (1) Certificates and permits shall be issued by the
30 commissioner upon application on forms prescribed and provided by him or
31 her which shall include the applicant's social security number.

1 (2) Each certificate or permit issued by the commissioner shall
2 indicate the area of authorization to teach, provide special services, or
3 administer and any areas of endorsement for which the holder qualifies.
4 During the term of any certificate or permit issued by the commissioner,
5 additional endorsements may be made on the certificate or permit if the
6 holder submits an application, meets the requirements for issuance of the
7 additional endorsements, and pays a nonrefundable fee as set by the
8 commissioner, not to exceed fifty-five dollars.

9 (3) The department shall make available on a portal on the
10 department's website the option or ability for an individual with a
11 certificate or permit to apply for an endorsement. Such portal shall also
12 include a list of courses that an individual with a certificate or permit
13 may take to add an endorsement to such certificate or permit. The
14 commissioner shall allow an individual with a certificate or permit the
15 following alternative methods of obtaining an endorsement:

16 (a) Taking a subject-specific content examination in designated
17 endorsement areas and indicating such subject as an endorsement on such
18 individual's certificate or permit based solely on passage of the
19 examination; or

20 (b) Completing an approved program of equivalent professional
21 education in a designated endorsement area that is provided by an
22 accredited public school.

23 (4) ~~(3)~~ The Certification Fund is created. Any fee received by the
24 department under sections 79-806 to 79-815 shall be remitted to the State
25 Treasurer for credit to the fund. The fund shall be used by the
26 department in paying the costs of certifying educators pursuant to such
27 sections and to carry out subsection (3) of section 79-808. For issuance
28 of a certificate or permit valid in all schools, the nonrefundable fee
29 shall be set by the commissioner, not to exceed seventy-five dollars,
30 except that the commissioner shall designate a portion of the fee, not to
31 exceed seventeen dollars, that shall be credited to the Professional

1 Practices Commission Fund which is created for use by the department to
2 pay for the provisions of sections 79-859 to 79-871. For issuance of a
3 certificate or permit valid only in nonpublic schools, the nonrefundable
4 fee shall be set by the commissioner, not to exceed fifty-five dollars.
5 Any money in the Certification Fund or the Professional Practices
6 Commission Fund available for investment shall be invested by the state
7 investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the
8 Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

9 Sec. 5. Section 79-813, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
10 2022, is amended to read:

11 79-813 (1)(a) The board shall authorize the issuance of a
12 certificate or permit to any applicant for such certificate or permit
13 who:

14 (i) Is a military spouse or has been offered employment to teach,
15 administer, or provide special services by an accredited school district
16 in Nebraska or an approved and accredited private, denominational, or
17 parochial school in Nebraska;

18 (ii) Holds a valid certificate or permit, ~~currently~~ in force in
19 another state at the time of application, to teach, administer, or
20 provide special services;

21 (iii) Has held such certificate or permit for at least one year;

22 (iv) Is in good standing in all states in which the applicant holds
23 ~~where~~ a certificate or permit to teach, administer, or provide special
24 services ~~is held~~;

25 (v) Does not have any pending investigation or complaint
26 ~~investigations or complaints~~ against any such certificate or permit;

27 (vi) Meets all residency and background check requirements otherwise
28 required for a Nebraska certificate or permit; and

29 (vii) Pays any applicable fees.

30 (b) The commissioner shall verify that the applicant for a
31 certificate or permit under this subsection meets the requirements of

1 subdivisions (a)(iv) and (v) of this subsection. Such applicant shall not
2 be required to meet the human relations training requirement under
3 section 79-808 to obtain such certification or permit. Such certificate
4 or permit shall be valid for at least three years and shall include the
5 same or similar endorsements to teach in all subject areas for which the
6 applicant had been certified to teach in such other state if a similar
7 endorsement is offered in Nebraska.

8 (c) A preliminary permit shall be issued to an applicant upon
9 submission of the application, payment of the applicable fees, and the
10 successful completion of the criminal history record information check as
11 provided in section 79-814.01. The preliminary permit shall remain in
12 force until the commissioner completes the review of all requirements in
13 subdivision (1)(a) of this section and either issues a certificate or
14 permit or notifies the applicant of the reason such certificate or permit
15 cannot be issued.

16 (d) The board shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to
17 (i) expedite the processing of an application submitted under this
18 subsection by an applicant whose spouse is serving on active duty at the
19 time of such submission and (ii) specify the documentation necessary to
20 establish the applicant's status as a spouse of a person who is serving
21 on active duty at the time of such submission.

22 (e) For purposes of this subsection:

23 (i) Active duty means full-time duty status in the active uniformed
24 service of the United States, including members of the National Guard and
25 Reserve on active duty orders pursuant to 10 U.S.C. chapters 1209 and
26 1211; and

27 (ii) Military spouse has the same meaning as in section 38-118.01.

28 (2)(a) The board shall authorize the issuance of a certificate or
29 permit to any applicant for such certificate or permit who:

30 (i) Holds a valid certificate or permit to teach in force in another
31 state at the time of application;

1 (ii) Is in good standing in all states in which the applicant holds
2 a certificate or permit to teach;

3 (iii) Does not have any pending investigation or complaint against
4 any such certificate or permit;

5 (iv) Meets all residency and background check requirements otherwise
6 required for a Nebraska certificate or permit; and

7 (v) Pays any applicable fees.

8 (b) The commissioner shall verify that the applicant for a teaching
9 certificate or permit under this subsection meets the requirements of
10 subdivisions (a)(ii) and (iii) of this subsection. Such applicant shall
11 not be required to meet the human relations training requirement under
12 section 79-808 to obtain such certification or permit. Such certificate
13 or permit shall include the same or similar endorsements to teach in all
14 subject areas for which the applicant had been certified to teach in such
15 other state if a similar endorsement is offered in Nebraska.

16 (c) A conditional permit shall be issued to an applicant upon
17 submission of the application, payment of the applicable fees, and the
18 successful completion of the criminal history record information check as
19 provided in section 79-814.01. The conditional permit shall remain in
20 force until the commissioner completes the review of all the requirements
21 of subdivision (2)(a) of this section and either issues a certificate or
22 permit to teach or notifies the applicant of the reason such certificate
23 or permit cannot be issued.

24 (d) The department shall make available on a portal on the
25 department's website the option or ability for individuals to apply for a
26 certificate to teach pursuant to this subsection.

27 (3) ~~(2)~~ In addition to certificates and permits issued pursuant to
28 subsections subsection (1) and (2) of this section, the board may
29 authorize the issuance of other certificates or permits to applicants who
30 hold a valid certificate or permit currently in force in another state if
31 the requirements for the certificate or permit held by the applicant are

1 comparable and equivalent to those required for a similar type of
2 certificate or permit issued under sections 79-806 to 79-815.

3 Sec. 6. Section 79-10,110.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative
4 Supplement, 2022, is amended to read:

5 79-10,110.02 (1) On and after April 19, 2016, the school board of
6 any school district may make a determination that an additional property
7 tax levy is necessary for a specific abatement project to address an
8 actual or potential environmental hazard, accessibility barrier, life
9 safety code violation, life safety hazard, school safety infrastructure
10 concern, or mold which exists within one or more existing school
11 buildings or the school grounds of existing school buildings controlled
12 by the school district. Such determination shall not include abatement
13 projects related to the acquisition of new property, the construction of
14 a new building, the expansion of an existing building, or the remodeling
15 of an existing building for purposes other than the abatement of
16 environmental hazards, accessibility barriers, life safety code
17 violations, life safety hazards, school safety infrastructure concerns,
18 or mold. Upon such determination, the school board may, not later than
19 the date provided in section 13-508, make and deliver to the county clerk
20 of such county in which any part of the school district is situated an
21 itemized estimate of the amounts necessary to be expended for such
22 abatement project, any insurance proceeds or other anticipated funds that
23 will be received by the school district related to the abatement project,
24 the period of years for which the property tax will be levied for such
25 project, and the estimated amount of the levy for each year of the period
26 based on the taxable valuation of the district at the time of issuance.
27 The period of years for such levy shall not exceed ten years and the levy
28 for such project when combined with all other levies pursuant to this
29 section and section 79-10,110 shall not exceed three cents per one
30 hundred dollars of taxable valuation. Nothing in this section shall
31 affect levies pursuant to section 79-10,110.

1 (2) The county clerk shall levy such taxes and such taxes shall be
2 collected by the county treasurer at the same time and in the same manner
3 as county taxes are collected and when collected shall be paid to the
4 treasurer of the district. A separate abatement project account shall be
5 established for each project by the school district. Taxes collected
6 pursuant to this section shall be credited to the appropriate account to
7 cover the project costs.

8 (3) For purposes of this section:

9 (a) Abatement includes, but is not limited to, any related
10 inspection and testing, any maintenance to reduce, lessen, put an end to,
11 diminish, moderate, decrease, control, dispose of, eliminate, or remove
12 the issue causing the need for abatement, any related restoration or
13 replacement of material or property, any related architectural and
14 engineering services, and any other action to reduce or eliminate the
15 issue causing the need for abatement in existing school buildings or on
16 the school grounds of existing school buildings under the board's
17 control;

18 (b) Accessibility barrier means anything which impedes entry into,
19 exit from, or use of any building or facility by all people; and

20 (c) Environmental hazard means any contamination of the air, water,
21 or land surface or subsurface caused by any substance adversely affecting
22 human health or safety if such substance has been declared hazardous by a
23 federal or state statute, rule, or regulation.

24 (4) For the purpose of paying amounts necessary for the abatement
25 project, the board may borrow money, establish a sinking fund, and issue
26 bonds and other evidences of indebtedness of the district, which bonds
27 and other evidences of indebtedness shall be secured by and payable from
28 an irrevocable pledge by the district of amounts received in respect of
29 the tax levy provided for by this section and any other funds of the
30 district available therefor. Bonds and other evidences of indebtedness
31 issued by a district pursuant to this subsection shall not constitute a

1 general obligation of the district or be payable from any portion of its
2 general fund levy. The total principal amount of bonds for abatement
3 projects pursuant to this section shall not exceed the total amount
4 specified in the itemized estimate described in subsection (1) of this
5 section.

6 (5) A district may exceed the maximum levy of three cents per one
7 hundred dollars of taxable valuation authorized by this section in any
8 year in which (a) the taxable valuation of the district is lower than the
9 taxable valuation in the year in which the district last issued bonds
10 pursuant to this section and (b) such maximum levy is insufficient to
11 meet the combined annual principal and interest obligations for all bonds
12 issued pursuant to this section and section 79-10,110. The amount
13 generated from a district's levy in excess of three cents per one hundred
14 dollars of taxable valuation shall not exceed the combined annual
15 principal and interest obligations for such bonds minus the amount
16 generated by levying three cents per one hundred dollars of taxable
17 valuation.

18 Sec. 7. (1) For purposes of this section:

19 (a) Mapping data means maps relating to a school building or school
20 property with data for an efficient emergency response to such school
21 building or school property that meets the requirements of this section;
22 and

23 (b) Public safety agency means a local, county, or state agency
24 consisting of members who serve a public or governmental agency or
25 political subdivision in an official capacity, with or without
26 compensation, as either peace officers, firefighters, or emergency care
27 providers as defined in section 38-1206.04.

28 (2)(a) A school board of a school district or a governing authority
29 of an approved or accredited private, denominational, or parochial school
30 in this state may vote to adopt a policy in accordance with this section
31 to provide mapping data to public safety agencies for use in response to

1 emergencies.

2 (b) A school board or a governing authority that adopts such a
3 policy shall provide mapping data in an electronic or digital format to
4 assist public safety agencies in responding to an emergency at a school.

5 (c) The mapping data shall, at a minimum, meet all of the following
6 requirements:

7 (i) Be compatible with and able to be integrated into software
8 platforms used by public safety agencies that provide emergency services
9 to the specific school for which the data is provided without requiring:

10 (A) The purchase of additional software by such public safety
11 agencies; or

12 (B) The integration of third-party software to view the data;

13 (ii) Be a finished map product in a file format easily accessible
14 using a standard or open-source file reader, depending on the needs of
15 the school and the public safety agency;

16 (iii) Be provided in a printable format;

17 (iv) Be verified for accuracy, during production and annually,
18 through a walk-through of the school campus;

19 (v) Give an indication of what direction is true north;

20 (vi) Include accurate floor plans overlaid on accurate, verified
21 aerial imagery of the school campus;

22 (vii) Contain site-specific labeling that matches the structure of
23 school buildings, including room labels, hallway names, external door or
24 stairwell numbers, locations of hazards, key utility locations, key
25 boxes, automated external defibrillators, and trauma kits using standard
26 labeling rules set by the State Department of Education;

27 (viii) Contain site-specific labeling that matches the school
28 grounds, including parking areas, athletic fields, surrounding roads, and
29 neighboring properties using standard labeling rules set by the State
30 Department of Education; and

31 (ix) Be overlaid with a grid and coordinates.

1 (3) The school board of each school district and the governing
2 authority of each approved or accredited private, denominational, or
3 parochial school that adopts a policy in accordance with this section
4 shall annually (a) certify to the appropriate public safety agencies that
5 the mapping data required to be provided under subsection (2) of this
6 section is accurate or (b) if such information has changed, provide the
7 appropriate public safety agencies with updated mapping data.

8 (4) A school board of a school district that adopts a policy in
9 accordance with this section may apply to the State Department of
10 Education in a manner prescribed by the Commissioner of Education for a
11 grant to cover the costs of providing payment to vendors on behalf of the
12 school district to facilitate the implementation of mapping data in
13 accordance with this section for such school district. Such application
14 shall include a copy of the appropriate school policy, an estimate from a
15 vendor on the cost of providing such mapping data that meets the
16 requirements of subdivision (2)(c) of this section, and any other
17 information the department may require.

18 (5)(a) An approved or accredited private, denominational, or
19 parochial school may apply to and contract with the appropriate
20 educational service unit in the school's geographical area in a manner
21 prescribed by the educational service unit for purposes of covering the
22 costs of facilitating mapping data in accordance with this section.

23 (b) An educational service unit may apply to the State Department of
24 Education, in a manner prescribed by the Commissioner of Education, for a
25 grant to cover the costs of providing payments to vendors on behalf of an
26 approved or accredited private, denominational, or parochial school which
27 contracts with such educational service unit to facilitate the
28 implementation of mapping data in accordance with this section for such
29 school. The educational service unit shall include with such application
30 the information provided to the educational service unit by the school,
31 which shall include a copy of the appropriate school policy and an

1 estimate from a vendor on the cost of providing such mapping data that
2 meets the requirements of subdivision (2)(c) of this section, and any
3 other information the department may require.

4 (6) It is the intent of the Legislature that grants awarded pursuant
5 to this section shall be funded from the School Safety and Security Fund.

6 (7) The State Board of Education may adopt and promulgate rules and
7 regulations to carry out this section.

8 Sec. 8. Section 79-3109, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, is
9 amended to read:

10 79-3109 The School Safety and Security Fund is created. The fund
11 shall be administered by the State Department of Education and shall
12 consist of any money transferred by the Legislature and any gifts,
13 grants, or bequests. The department shall use money in the fund for
14 grants for security-related infrastructure projects pursuant to section
15 79-3108 and section 7 of this act. Any money in the fund available for
16 investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to
17 the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds
18 Investment Act.

19 Sec. 9. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section,
20 beginning in school year 2024-25, a public school shall not allow the use
21 of a Mercator projection map in school. A school shall only use the Gall-
22 Peters projection map or AuthaGraph projection map for display or use in
23 the classroom.

24 (2) A Mercator projection map may be used in a classroom in
25 conjunction with other projection maps in a teaching exercise to
26 demonstrate that all maps are flawed in some way and different map
27 projections serve different functions and may affect how an individual
28 views the world.

29 (3) The school board of each public school district shall adopt a
30 policy to implement the requirements of this section.

31 Sec. 10. (1) For purposes of this section, debt collection agency

1 means any person or entity that collects or attempt to collect, directly
2 or indirectly, debts due or asserted to be owed or due to another. Debt
3 collection agency does not include the Department of Revenue or any
4 programs administered by the department or a school, school district,
5 school board, or board of education.

6 (2) No school board or board of education of a school district
7 shall:

8 (a) Use a debt collection agency to collect or attempt to collect,
9 directly or indirectly, debts due or assessed to be owed for outstanding
10 debts on a school lunch or breakfast account of a student at such school
11 district; or

12 (b) Assess or collect any interest, fees, or other monetary
13 penalties for outstanding debts on a school lunch or breakfast account of
14 a student at such school district.

15 Sec. 11. Section 85-3002, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
16 2022, is amended to read:

17 85-3002 For purposes of the Nebraska Career Scholarship Act:

18 (1) Community college means a public postsecondary educational
19 institution which is part of the community college system and includes
20 all branches and campuses of such institution located within the State of
21 Nebraska;

22 (2) First-time freshman means a student who enrolled in an eligible
23 program of study who has not previously been enrolled in a postsecondary
24 institution within three years immediately preceding the application for
25 a scholarship pursuant to the act and has not previously earned a
26 postsecondary credential except as a dual credit or early-college high
27 school student as the student's first enrollment in any postsecondary
28 institution after graduating from high school or receiving a diploma of
29 high school equivalency;

30 (3) Nebraska Career Scholarship means a scholarship awarded under
31 the act or a scholarship awarded as a Nebraska Career Scholarship

1 pursuant to Laws 2021, LB380, or Laws 2020, LB1008;

2 (4) Nonscholarship student means a student who has never been
3 awarded a Nebraska Career Scholarship for the applicable eligible program
4 of study;

5 (5) Private college means an accredited private nonprofit
6 institution of postsecondary education located within the State of
7 Nebraska;

8 (6) Scholarship recipient means a student who has been awarded a
9 Nebraska Career Scholarship;~~and~~

10 (7) Standard college admission test means the national assessment
11 instrument that is also used as the standard college admission test
12 selected by the State Board of Education and administered to students in
13 the eleventh grade pursuant to subsection (9) of section 79-760.03; ~~and -~~

14 (8) Transfer student means a student who has not previously earned a
15 postsecondary credential and has transferred into an eligible program of
16 study (a) from another postsecondary institution or (b) from another
17 program of study within the same postsecondary institution. A student
18 that previously earned a postsecondary credential, but only as a dual-
19 credit or early-college high school student, shall be considered a
20 transfer student if such student transferred into an eligible program of
21 study from another postsecondary institution or a program within the same
22 postsecondary institution directly following such student's early-college
23 high school enrollment.

24 Sec. 12. Section 85-3003, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
25 2022, is amended to read:

26 85-3003 (1)(a) The Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges
27 shall award a Nebraska Career Scholarship that does not exceed a maximum
28 of fifteen thousand dollars per year to any eligible state college
29 student who achieved a composite score on a standard college admission
30 test equivalent to a score of at least eighteen out of a maximum score of
31 thirty-six and who is enrolled in an eligible program of study.

1 (b) The Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges shall
2 allocate funds appropriated to the board under the Nebraska Career
3 Scholarship Act between the state college campuses, determine the
4 eligibility of students enrolled in a state college, receive and process
5 applications for awards to individual students, and disburse ~~disperse~~
6 funds directly to scholarship recipients during the fiscal year.
7 Eligibility criteria shall include being a first-time freshman or a
8 transfer student and enrollment in an eligible program of study.

9 (c) For purposes of this section, an eligible program of study
10 includes the following means:

11 (i) ~~A Through academic year 2023-24,~~ a program of study at a state
12 college in rangeland management, industrial technology, criminal justice,
13 business administration, education, communication, the Reserve Officers'
14 Training Corps, or computer information systems; and

15 (ii) Beginning with academic year 2024-25, a program of study
16 designated by the Department of Economic Development, in collaboration
17 with the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges, based on
18 periodic reviews of workforce needs in the state.

19 (2) Each scholarship recipient shall register with the appropriate
20 campus office to obtain a Nebraska-based internship, apprenticeship,
21 clinical position, or employment in a major-related field prior to
22 completion of the student's eligible program of study.

23 (3) A Nebraska Career Scholarship may be used by a scholarship
24 recipient for tuition, fees, required tools and equipment, and room and
25 board.

26 (4) Each scholarship awarded under this section shall be
27 automatically renewed on an annual basis if the student remains enrolled
28 in good standing in the eligible program of study for which such
29 scholarship was awarded, except that no student shall receive a
30 scholarship renewal after four years of participation in such eligible
31 program of study.

1 (5) The Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges shall
2 collect information on each state college scholarship recipient and shall
3 report electronically to the Clerk of the Legislature and the Governor on
4 or before December 1 of each year the following information for the each
5 eligible programs ~~program~~ of study at a state college in the current or
6 prior academic year:

7 (a) The total number of students enrolled in each eligible ~~the~~
8 program of study in the immediately prior academic year and the total
9 number of students enrolled in each eligible ~~the~~ program of study ~~as of~~
10 ~~September 30~~ for the current academic year, based upon official fall
11 census data;

12 (b) The total number of scholarship recipients in each eligible ~~the~~
13 program of study ~~as of September 30~~ for the current academic year and the
14 total number of such scholarship recipients who are newly enrolled in
15 each eligible ~~the~~ program of study for such academic year, based upon
16 official fall census data;

17 (c) The total number of newly awarded scholarship recipients
18 students retained across all eligible programs of study ~~in the program~~
19 from the immediately prior academic year to the current academic year and
20 a comparison of the retention rates between those of the newly awarded
21 scholarship recipients and the state college's overall first to second
22 year retention rate reported to the Integrated Postsecondary Education
23 Data System for the same year ~~scholarship recipients and nonscholarship~~
24 ~~students~~;

25 ~~(d) The number of students participating in an internship, an~~
26 ~~apprenticeship, a clinical position, or employment in a major related~~
27 ~~field during the immediately prior academic year and a comparison of~~
28 ~~participation rates for scholarship recipients and nonscholarship~~
29 ~~students~~;

30 ~~(d) (e)~~ The total number of scholarship recipients who graduated
31 during graduates ~~for the immediately prior academic year, the number of~~

1 ~~scholarship recipient graduates for such academic year, and a comparison~~
2 ~~of the four-year graduation rates between the for scholarship recipients~~
3 ~~who graduated and the state college's overall four-year graduate rate~~
4 ~~reported to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System for the~~
5 ~~same year and nonscholarship students; and~~

6 (e) ~~(f)~~ The number and percent of scholarship recipients who
7 graduated during graduates from the immediately prior calendar academic
8 year who obtained employment in a major-related field in the state within
9 four months after graduation and the average starting salary for such
10 graduates.

11 Sec. 13. Section 85-3004, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
12 2022, is amended to read:

13 85-3004 (1)(a) The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska
14 shall award a Nebraska Career Scholarship to any eligible university
15 student who is enrolled in an eligible program of study in an amount not
16 to exceed:

17 (i) Ten thousand dollars per year for any scholarship recipient who
18 is a transfer student; or

19 (ii) Except as provided in subdivision (1)(a)(i) of this section:

20 (A) Twenty-five thousand dollars per year for any scholarship
21 recipient who achieved a composite score on a standard college admission
22 test equivalent to a score of at least twenty-eight out of a maximum
23 score of thirty-six; or

24 (B) Ten thousand dollars per year for any scholarship recipient who
25 achieved a composite score on a standard college admission test
26 equivalent to a score of at least twenty and less than twenty-eight out
27 of a maximum score of thirty-six.

28 (b) The Board of Regents shall allocate funds appropriated to the
29 board under the Nebraska Career Scholarship Act between the university
30 campuses, determine the eligibility of students enrolled in the
31 university, receive and process applications for awards to individual

1 students, and ~~disburse~~ disperse funds directly to scholarship recipients
2 during the fiscal year. Eligibility criteria shall include (i) being a
3 first-time freshman who achieved a composite score on a standard college
4 admission test equivalent to a score of at least twenty out of a maximum
5 score of thirty-six or a transfer student and (ii) enrollment in an
6 eligible program of study.

7 (c) For purposes of this section, an eligible program of study
8 means:

9 (i) Through academic year 2023-24, a program of study offered by the
10 University of Nebraska in mathematics, engineering, health care, and
11 computer information systems; and

12 (ii) Beginning with academic year 2024-25, a program of study
13 designated by the Department of Economic Development, in collaboration
14 with the Board of Regents, based on periodic reviews of workforce needs
15 in the state.

16 (2) Each scholarship recipient shall register with the appropriate
17 campus office to obtain a Nebraska-based internship, apprenticeship,
18 clinical position, or employment in a major-related field prior to
19 completion of the student's eligible program of study.

20 (3) A Nebraska Career Scholarship may be used by a scholarship
21 recipient for tuition, fees, required tools and equipment, and room and
22 board.

23 (4) Each scholarship awarded under this section shall be
24 automatically renewed on an annual basis if the student remains enrolled
25 in good standing in the eligible program of study for which such
26 scholarship was awarded, except that no student shall receive a
27 scholarship renewal after four years of participation in such eligible
28 program of study.

29 (5) The Board of Regents shall collect information on each
30 university scholarship recipient and shall report electronically to the
31 Clerk of the Legislature and the Governor on or before December 1 of each

1 year the following information for ~~the each~~ eligible programs ~~program~~ of
2 study at the university in the current or prior academic year:

3 (a) The total number of students enrolled in each eligible ~~the~~
4 program of study in the immediately prior academic year and the total
5 number of students enrolled in each eligible ~~the~~ program of study ~~as of~~
6 ~~September 30~~ for the current academic year, based upon official fall
7 census data;

8 (b) The total number of scholarship recipients in each eligible ~~the~~
9 program of study ~~as of September 30~~ for the current academic year and the
10 total number of such scholarship recipients who are newly enrolled in
11 each eligible ~~the~~ program of study for such academic year, based upon
12 official fall census data;

13 (c) The total number of newly awarded scholarship recipients
14 students retained across all eligible programs of study ~~in the program~~
15 from the immediately prior academic year to the current academic year and
16 a comparison of the retention rates between those of the newly awarded
17 scholarship recipients and the university's overall first to second year
18 retention rate reported to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data
19 System for the same year ~~scholarship recipients and nonscholarship~~
20 ~~students~~;

21 ~~(d) The number of students participating in an internship, an~~
22 ~~apprenticeship, a clinical position, or employment in a major-related~~
23 ~~field during the immediately prior academic year and a comparison of~~
24 ~~participation rates for scholarship recipients and nonscholarship~~
25 ~~students~~;

26 ~~(d)~~ (e) The total number of scholarship recipients who graduated
27 during graduates for the immediately prior academic year, ~~the number of~~
28 ~~scholarship recipient graduates for such academic year~~, and a comparison
29 of the four-year graduation rates between the ~~for~~ scholarship recipients
30 who graduated and the university's overall four-year graduate rate
31 reported to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System for the

1 ~~same year and nonscholarship students; and~~
2 ~~(e) (f) The number and percent of scholarship recipients who~~
3 ~~graduated during graduates from the immediately prior calendar academic~~
4 ~~year who obtained employment in a major-related field in the state within~~
5 ~~four months after graduation and the average starting salary for such~~
6 ~~graduates.~~

7 Sec. 14. Section 85-3005, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
8 2022, is amended to read:

9 85-3005 (1)(a) The Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary
10 Education ~~Department of Economic Development~~, in collaboration with the
11 community colleges, shall award a Nebraska Career Scholarship that does
12 not exceed a maximum of fifteen ~~five~~ thousand dollars per year to any
13 eligible community college student who is enrolled in an eligible program
14 of study in an identified shortage area or skilled trade that meets the
15 workforce needs of the state.

16 (b) The Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, in
17 consultation with the State Department of Education, the Department of
18 Labor, the Department of Economic Development, and any advisory committee
19 established by the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education
20 for such purpose, ~~Department of Economic Development~~ shall identify
21 shortage areas and skilled trades that meet workforce needs for purposes
22 of this section and shall periodically review and revise the
23 identification of such shortage areas and skilled trades.

24 (c) For purposes of this section, an eligible program of study means
25 a program of study offered by a community college in a shortage area or
26 skilled trade identified pursuant to subdivision (b) of this subsection.

27 (d) Each community college area, acting as an agent of the state,
28 shall determine the eligibility of students enrolled in the community
29 college, receive and process applications for awards to individual
30 students, and disburse ~~disperse~~ funds directly to scholarship recipients
31 during the fiscal year. Eligibility criteria shall include being a first-

1 time freshman or a transfer student and enrollment in an eligible program
2 of study.

3 (2) Each scholarship recipient enrolled in more than a one-semester
4 or sixteen-credit-hour program of study shall register with the
5 appropriate campus office to obtain a Nebraska-based internship,
6 apprenticeship, clinical position, experiential learning activity, or
7 employment in a major-related field prior to completion of the student's
8 eligible program of study.

9 (3) A Nebraska Career Scholarship may be used by the scholarship
10 recipient for tuition, fees, required tools and equipment, and room and
11 board.

12 (4) Each scholarship awarded under this section shall be
13 automatically renewed on an annual basis if the student remains enrolled
14 in good standing in the eligible program of study for which such
15 scholarship was awarded, except that no student shall receive a
16 scholarship renewal after three years of participation in such eligible
17 program of study.

18 (5) Each community college area shall collect information on each
19 scholarship recipient who has been awarded a Nebraska Career Scholarship
20 by such community college area and shall share such information with the
21 Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education Department of
22 Economic Development.

23 (6) The Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education
24 Department of Economic Development shall report electronically to the
25 Clerk of the Legislature and the Governor on or before December 1 of each
26 year the following information:

27 (a) For each eligible program of study at a community college in the
28 current or prior academic year:

29 (i) The total number of students enrolled in the program in the
30 immediately prior academic year and the total number of students enrolled
31 in the program as of the most recent census date for the community

1 college area; and

2 (ii) The total number of scholarship recipients in the program as of
3 the most recent census date for the community college area; ~~and~~

4 ~~(iii) The number of students participating in an internship, an~~
5 ~~apprenticeship, a clinical position, or employment in a major related~~
6 ~~field during the immediately prior academic year and a comparison of~~
7 ~~participation rates for scholarship recipients and nonscholarship~~
8 ~~students;~~

9 (b) The first to second year retention rate of new scholarship
10 recipients for all eligible programs of study from the immediately prior
11 academic year as compared to the community college's overall first to
12 second year retention rate as reported to the Integrated Postsecondary
13 Education Data System for the same year ~~total number of first-time~~
14 ~~freshman scholarship recipients retained in year two of the scholarship~~
15 ~~recipient's eligible program of study and a comparison of the retention~~
16 ~~rate for first-time freshman scholarship recipients to the overall~~
17 ~~retention rate for first-time freshman students;~~

18 (c) The total number of first-time freshman scholarship recipients
19 who complete the program of study by earning the certificate, diploma, or
20 degree that signifies completion and a comparison of the on-time
21 completion rate for scholarship recipients to the overall on-time
22 completion rate for all first-time freshman students; and

23 (d) The number of scholarship recipients obtaining employment in the
24 state within five fiscal quarters of completion of an eligible program of
25 study using Department of Labor data; ~~and~~

26 ~~(e) The average salary of scholarship recipients, as determined by~~
27 ~~the Department of Labor, for the fifth fiscal quarter following~~
28 ~~completion.~~

29 (7) The Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education
30 ~~Department of Economic Development~~ shall allocate to community colleges
31 the amount appropriated to the commission ~~department~~ to carry out this

1 section. The commission department shall establish a separate budget
2 subprogram for such allocation.

3 Sec. 15. Section 85-3006, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
4 2022, is amended to read:

5 85-3006 (1)(a) The Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary
6 Education Department of Economic Development, in collaboration with
7 private colleges that elect to participate, shall award a Nebraska Career
8 Scholarship that does not exceed a maximum of ten thousand dollars per
9 year to any private college student who achieved a composite score on a
10 standard college admission test equivalent to a score of at least
11 eighteen out of a maximum score of thirty-six or who had a high school
12 grade-point average of 3.0 or greater on a four-point scale and who is
13 enrolled in an eligible program of study.

14 (b) Each participating private college, acting as an agent of the
15 state, shall determine the eligibility of students enrolled in the
16 private college, receive and process applications for awards to
17 individual students, and disburse ~~disperse~~ funds directly to scholarship
18 recipients during the fiscal year. Eligibility criteria shall include
19 being a first-time freshman or a transfer student and enrollment in an
20 eligible program of study.

21 (c) For purposes of this section, an eligible program of study
22 means:

23 (i) Through academic year 2023-24, a program of study at a private
24 college in mathematics, health care, and computer information systems;
25 and

26 (ii) Beginning with academic year 2024-25, a program of study in
27 education or engineering and a program of study in shortage areas
28 designated by the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, in
29 consultation with the State Department of Education, the Department of
30 Labor, the Department of Economic Development, and any advisory committee
31 established by the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education

1 for such purpose, Department of Economic Development based on periodic
2 reviews of workforce needs in the state.

3 (2) Each scholarship recipient shall register with the appropriate
4 campus office to obtain a Nebraska-based internship, apprenticeship,
5 clinical position, or employment in a major-related field prior to
6 completion of the student's eligible program of study.

7 (3) A Nebraska Career Scholarship may be used by the scholarship
8 recipient for tuition, fees, required tools and equipment, and room and
9 board.

10 (4) Each scholarship awarded under this section shall be
11 automatically renewed on an annual basis if the student remains enrolled
12 in good standing in the eligible program of study for which such
13 scholarship was awarded, except that no student shall receive a
14 scholarship renewal after four years of participation in such eligible
15 program of study.

16 (5) Each participating private college shall collect information on
17 each scholarship recipient who has been awarded a Nebraska Career
18 Scholarship by such private college and shall share such information with
19 the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education ~~Department of~~
20 ~~Economic Development~~.

21 (6) The Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education
22 ~~Department of Economic Development~~ shall report electronically to the
23 Clerk of the Legislature and the Governor on or before December 1 of each
24 year the following information for each eligible program of study at a
25 private college in the current or prior academic year:

26 (a) The total number of students enrolled in the program in the
27 immediately prior academic year and the total number of students enrolled
28 in the program as of September 30 for the current academic year;

29 (b) The total number of scholarship recipients in the program as of
30 September 30 for the current academic year and the total number of such
31 scholarship recipients who are newly enrolled in the program for such

1 academic year;

2 (c) The total number of students retained in the program and a
3 comparison of the retention rates between scholarship recipients and
4 nonscholarship students;

5 (d) The number of students participating in an internship, an
6 apprenticeship, a clinical position, or employment in a major-related
7 field during the immediately prior academic year and a comparison of
8 participation rates for scholarship recipients and nonscholarship
9 students;

10 (e) The total number of graduates for the immediately prior academic
11 year, the number of scholarship recipient graduates for such academic
12 year, and a comparison of the graduation rates for scholarship recipients
13 and nonscholarship students; and

14 (f) The number of graduates from the immediately prior academic year
15 who obtained employment in a major-related field in the state within four
16 months after graduation and the average starting salary for such
17 graduates.

18 (7) The Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education
19 ~~Department of Economic Development~~ shall allocate the amount appropriated
20 to the commission department to carry out this section to private
21 colleges that elect to participate under the Nebraska Career Scholarship
22 Act. The commission department shall establish a separate budget
23 subprogram for such allocations.

24 Sec. 16. Original sections 28-1204.04, 79-810, 79-813,
25 79-10,110.02, 85-3002, 85-3003, 85-3004, 85-3005, and 85-3006, Revised
26 Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022, and sections 28-1201, 28-1202.01,
27 and 79-3109, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, are repealed.