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LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA
ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE BILL 830

Introduced by Lonowski, 33.

Read first time January 07, 2026

Committee:

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to government; to amend sections 50-123.01,
2 53-112, 71-1131, 75-106, 80-401.02, 81-183, 81-186, 83-191,
3 83-227.01, 83-227.02, 83-363, 83-364, 83-367, 83-370, 83-371,
4 83-375, 83-377, 83-378, 83-379, 83-380.01, 84-101.01, 84-201.01,
5 84-206, 84-314, 84-509, 84-608, and 84-721, Reissue Revised Statutes
6 of Nebraska, section 72-201, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
7 2024, and section 24-201.01, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to
8 require payment of salaries in equal installments; to provide for
9 the use of deferred maintenance funds for federal facilities under
10 the control of the Military Department; to eliminate provisions
11 relating to county payments for state institutions; to harmonize
12 provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal
13 section 83-380, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.
14 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 **Section 1.** Section 24-201.01, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is
2 amended to read:

3 24-201.01 On July 1, 2024, the annual salary of the Chief Justice
4 and the judges of the Supreme Court shall be two hundred twenty-five
5 thousand fifty-five dollars and thirty-five cents. On July 1, 2025, the
6 annual salary of the Chief Justice and the judges of the Supreme Court
7 shall be two hundred twenty-eight thousand four hundred thirty-one
8 dollars and eighteen cents. On July 1, 2026, the annual salary of the
9 Chief Justice and the judges of the Supreme Court shall be two hundred
10 thirty-one thousand eight hundred fifty-seven dollars and sixty-five
11 cents.

12 The Chief Justice and the judges of the Supreme Court shall hold no
13 other public office of profit or trust during their terms of office nor
14 accept any public appointment or employment under the authority of the
15 government of the United States for which they receive compensation for
16 their services. Such salaries shall be payable in equal ~~monthly~~
17 installments.

18 **Sec. 2.** Section 50-123.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
19 amended to read:

20 50-123.01 Each member of the Legislature shall receive a salary in
21 an amount equal to the maximum authorized by the Constitution of
22 Nebraska. Such salary shall be paid in equal ~~monthly~~ installments.

23 **Sec. 3.** Section 53-112, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
24 amended to read:

25 53-112 Each member of the commission shall receive an annual salary
26 of not to exceed twelve thousand five hundred dollars, to be fixed by the
27 Governor, payable in equal installments ~~monthly~~, and in addition expenses
28 authorized in section 53-113 incurred on behalf of the commission. The
29 salary of the executive director of the commission shall be fixed by the
30 commission, payable in equal installments ~~monthly~~.

31 **Sec. 4.** Section 71-1131, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

1 amended to read:

2 71-1131 If the subject cannot afford to pay, the county shall pay
3 court costs, costs of emergency custody, and related expenses for a
4 petition filed pursuant to the Developmental Disabilities Court-Ordered
5 Custody Act, including the costs of legal counsel appointed to represent
6 the subject and any expert hired to evaluate and testify on behalf of the
7 subject. In counties having a public defender, the court may appoint the
8 public defender as legal counsel for the subject. The county shall be
9 responsible for the cost of transporting the subject to and from court
10 hearings under the act and to any emergency custody or other custody
11 ordered under the act. The department shall pay the costs of the
12 department's evaluations of the subject, the costs of the plans completed
13 by the department and the independent mental health professional, and the
14 costs of the court-ordered custody and treatment of the subject following
15 an order of disposition, except as provided by sections 83-363 to 83-379
16 ~~83-380~~.

17 **Sec. 5.** Section 72-201, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
18 2024, is amended to read:

19 72-201 (1) The Board of Educational Lands and Funds shall consist of
20 five members to be appointed by the Governor with the consent of a
21 majority of the members elected to the Legislature. One member shall be
22 appointed from each of the congressional districts as the districts were
23 constituted on January 1, 1961, and a fifth member shall be appointed
24 from the state at large. One member of the board shall be competent in
25 the field of investments. The initial members shall be appointed to take
26 office on October 1, 1955, and shall hold office for the following
27 periods of time: The member from the first congressional district for one
28 year; the member from the second congressional district for two years;
29 the member from the third congressional district for three years; the
30 member from the fourth congressional district for four years; and the
31 member from the state at large for five years. As the terms of the

1 members expire, the Governor shall appoint or reappoint a member of the
2 board for a term of five years, except members appointed to fill
3 vacancies whose tenures shall be the unexpired terms for which they are
4 appointed. If the Legislature is not in session when such members, or
5 some of them, are appointed by the Governor, such members shall take
6 office and act as recess appointees until the Legislature next thereafter
7 convenes. The compensation of the members shall be fifty dollars per day
8 for each day's time actually engaged in the performance of the duties of
9 their office. Each member shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred while
10 upon business of the board as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.
11 The board shall cause all school, university, agricultural college, and
12 state college lands, owned by or the title to which may hereafter vest in
13 the state, to be registered, leased, and sold as provided in sections
14 72-201 to 72-251 and shall have the general management and control of
15 such lands and make necessary rules not provided by law. The funds
16 arising from these lands shall be disposed of in the manner provided by
17 the Constitution of Nebraska, sections 72-201 to 72-251, and other laws
18 of Nebraska not inconsistent herewith.

19 (2) No person shall be eligible to membership on the board who is
20 actively engaged in the teaching profession, who holds or has any
21 financial interest in a school land lease, who is a holder of or a
22 candidate for any state office or a member of any state board or
23 commission, or who has not resided in this state for at least three
24 years.

25 (3) The board shall elect one of its members as chairperson of the
26 Board of Educational Lands and Funds. In the absence of the chairperson,
27 any member of the board may, upon motion duly carried, act in his or her
28 behalf as such chairperson. It shall keep a record of all proceedings and
29 orders made by it. No order shall be made except upon the concurrence of
30 at least three members of the board. It shall make all orders pertaining
31 to the handling of all lands and funds set apart for educational

1 purposes.

2 (4) The board shall maintain an office in Lincoln and shall meet in
3 its office not less than once each month.

4 (5) The board may appoint a secretary for the board. The
5 compensation of the secretary shall be payable in equal installments
6 ~~monthly~~, as fixed by the board.

7 **Sec. 6.** Section 75-106, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
8 amended to read:

9 75-106 Any person who is eligible to hold the office of commissioner
10 shall also be eligible to hold the office of executive director. The
11 salary of the executive director shall be fixed by the commission,
12 payable in equal installments ~~monthly~~. The executive director shall take
13 the same oath as the commissioners. The executive director shall keep
14 full and correct minutes of all transactions and proceedings of the
15 commission, and it shall be his or her duty to, upon request and being
16 paid the lawful fees therefor, furnish a transcript, duly authenticated
17 by the commission, of any public record of the commission and to perform
18 such duties as may be required by the commission. The executive director
19 shall charge such fees for furnishing a transcript as are allowed by law
20 on appeal from the district court to the Court of Appeals and shall turn
21 such fees into the fund provided for the expenses of the commission.

22 **Sec. 7.** Section 80-401.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
23 amended to read:

24 80-401.02 There is hereby created a department of government to be
25 known as the Department of Veterans' Affairs. The chief administrative
26 officer of the department shall be the director to be known as the
27 Director of Veterans' Affairs. He or she shall be appointed by the
28 Governor, subject to confirmation by the Legislature. No person shall be
29 eligible to receive appointment as director unless such person has the
30 following qualifications: (1) Resident of the State of Nebraska for at
31 least five years immediately prior to his or her appointment; (2) citizen

1 of the United States; and (3) served in the armed forces of the United
2 States during any of the periods identified in section 80-401.01 and
3 discharged or otherwise separated with a characterization of honorable
4 from such service. The director shall serve until a new director to
5 succeed him or her is appointed and has qualified. If a vacancy occurs in
6 the office of director when the Legislature is not in session, the
7 Governor shall make a temporary appointment until the next meeting of the
8 Legislature, when the Governor shall present to the Legislature a
9 recommendation for the office. The director shall receive an annual
10 salary to be fixed by the Governor, payable in equal monthly
11 installments. He or she shall be reimbursed for expenses involved in the
12 performance of his or her official duties as provided in sections 81-1174
13 to 81-1177. He or she shall be bonded or insured as required by section
14 11-201. The director shall appoint state service officers and assistants,
15 whose appointments shall be approved by the Veterans' Advisory
16 Commission.

17 The department shall be the designated state agency to advocate on
18 behalf of veterans.

19 **Sec. 8.** Section 81-183, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
20 amended to read:

21 81-183 (1) Any federal facility which is under the control of the
22 Military Department and for which state financial support is required
23 shall be eligible for funds for renewal and maintenance under the
24 Deferred Building Renewal Act to be paid from the Building Renewal
25 Allocation Fund.

26 (2) No building held in trust, property of the Board of Educational
27 Lands and Funds, nor highways or roads and revenue bond structures shall
28 receive funds for renewal and maintenance under the Deferred Building
29 Renewal Act sections 81-173 to 81-190.

30 **Sec. 9.** Section 81-186, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
31 amended to read:

1 81-186 The Committee on Building Maintenance shall meet as
2 necessary, but not less than four times annually, to monitor the
3 activities required of the task force, ~~and~~ the agencies, boards, and
4 commissions who are responsible for the state buildings, and federal
5 facilities under the control of the Military Department and to review the
6 proposed rental charges as provided in sections 81-1108.17 and
7 81-1108.22. The committee shall study progress and propose any necessary
8 legislation to assure that state-owned buildings and federal facilities
9 under the control of the Military Department are protected through proper
10 maintenance.

11 **Sec. 10.** Section 83-191, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
12 amended to read:

13 83-191 The members of the Board of Parole shall devote full time to
14 their duties with such board and shall not engage in any other business
15 or profession or hold any other public office. No member shall, at the
16 time of his or her appointment or during his or her tenure, serve as the
17 representative of any political party or of any executive committee or
18 governing body thereof or as an executive officer or employee of any
19 political party, organization, association, or committee. A member shall
20 resign from the board upon filing as a candidate for any elective public
21 office. Each member of the board shall receive an annual salary to be
22 fixed by the Governor. Such salaries shall be paid in equal installments
23 ~~monthly portions~~.

24 **Sec. 11.** Section 83-227.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
25 amended to read:

26 83-227.01 The Department of Health and Human Services is authorized
27 to utilize space which is temporarily surplus to the needs of the Lincoln
28 Regional Center and the Norfolk Regional Center facilities under their
29 jurisdiction for patients committed to or lawfully confined in the
30 Beatrice State Developmental Center. Patients so transferred to the
31 Lincoln Regional Center or the Norfolk Regional Center shall be housed in

1 facilities separate and apart from facilities used to house patients
2 committed to such hospital, and after their transfer such patients shall
3 receive the same type of care, custody, and treatment as they would have
4 received had they remained at the Beatrice State Developmental Center,
5 and the charges for their care and maintenance shall be the same as
6 though they were housed at the Beatrice State Developmental Center, and
7 the charges shall be collected in the manner provided in this section and
8 sections 83-227.02, 83-350, and 83-363 to 83-379 ~~83-380~~.

9 **Sec. 12.** Section 83-227.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
10 amended to read:

11 83-227.02 (1) The Department of Health and Human Services is
12 authorized to use space which is temporarily surplus to the needs of any
13 institution under its control, except as provided in subsection (2) of
14 this section, for the care, custody, and treatment of the inmates of any
15 other such institution when space at such latter institution is
16 inadequate and the facilities of the institution to which transfer is
17 made are suitable to the needs of the inmate. Inmates so transferred
18 shall receive the same care, custody, and treatment as they would have
19 received had they not been transferred. If the cost of the care, custody,
20 and treatment of such inmate is recoverable by the institution from which
21 the transfer was made, it shall be recovered in the manner provided in
22 sections 83-363 to 83-379 ~~83-380~~.

23 (2) Subsection (1) of this section shall not be construed to permit
24 the transfer of inmates to or from any Department of Correctional
25 Services facility unless expressly authorized by law.

26 **Sec. 13.** Section 83-363, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
27 amended to read:

28 83-363 As used in sections 83-227.01, 83-227.02, 83-350, and 83-363
29 to 83-379 ~~83-380~~, unless the context otherwise requires:

30 (1) Department means the Department of Health and Human Services;

31 (2) State institution means the state hospitals at Lincoln and

1 Norfolk, the Beatrice State Developmental Center, and such other
2 institutions as may hereafter be established by the Legislature for the
3 care and treatment of persons with a mental disorder or persons with an
4 intellectual disability;

5 (3) Relative means the spouse of a patient or, if the patient has no
6 spouse and is under the age of majority at the time he or she is
7 admitted, the parents of a patient in a state institution; and

8 (4) Parents means either or both of a patient's natural parents
9 unless such patient has been legally adopted by other parents, in which
10 case parents means either or both of the adoptive parents.

11 **Sec. 14.** Section 83-364, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
12 amended to read:

13 83-364 When any person is admitted to a state institution or other
14 inpatient treatment facility pursuant to an order of a mental health
15 board under the Nebraska Mental Health Commitment Act or the Sex Offender
16 Commitment Act or receives treatment prescribed by such institution or
17 facility following release or without being admitted as a resident
18 patient, the patient and the patient's relatives shall be liable for the
19 cost of the care, support, maintenance, and treatment of such person to
20 the extent and in the manner provided by sections 83-227.01, 83-227.02,
21 83-350, and 83-363 to 83-379 ~~83-380~~. Such sections also shall apply to
22 persons admitted to a state institution as transferees from any state
23 penal institution or youth rehabilitation and treatment center but only
24 after the expiration of the time for which the transferees were
25 originally sentenced or committed.

26 **Sec. 15.** Section 83-367, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
27 amended to read:

28 83-367 The liability of each relative, except a spouse, shall cease
29 when relatives shall have completed payments assessed pursuant to
30 sections 83-227.01, 83-227.02, 83-350, and 83-363 to 83-379 ~~83-380~~ for
31 one hundred eighty months, or when the patient attains the age of

1 majority, whichever shall occur first.

2 **Sec. 16.** Section 83-370, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
3 amended to read:

4 83-370 When any relative willfully fails to furnish to the
5 department, upon request, the information required by sections 83-227.01,
6 83-227.02, 83-350, and 83-363 to 83-379 ~~83-380~~ as to his or her taxable
7 income, such relative shall be deemed to have ability to pay the entire
8 cost determined under sections 83-227.01, 83-227.02, 83-350, and 83-363
9 to 83-379 ~~83-380~~.

10 **Sec. 17.** Section 83-371, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
11 amended to read:

12 83-371 Pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Procedure
13 Act, the department shall adopt and promulgate appropriate rules and
14 regulations for making the determinations required by sections 83-227.01,
15 83-227.02, 83-350, and 83-363 to 83-379 ~~83-380~~.

16 **Sec. 18.** Section 83-375, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
17 amended to read:

18 83-375 When any patient or relative fails to pay the amounts
19 determined to be due under sections 83-227.01, 83-227.02, 83-350, and
20 83-363 to 83-379 ~~83-380~~, the State ~~state~~ of Nebraska may proceed against
21 such person in the manner authorized by law for the recovery of money
22 owed to a creditor. The Attorney General shall represent the state in
23 such actions, but may authorize the county attorney for the county in
24 which such person resides or owns property to investigate and prosecute
25 the action on behalf of the state.

26 **Sec. 19.** Section 83-377, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
27 amended to read:

28 83-377 In all cases in which a guardian has been named for any
29 person liable for payments under sections 83-227.01, 83-227.02, 83-350,
30 and 83-363 to 83-379 ~~83-380~~, the guardian shall represent such person in
31 all matters arising under sections 83-227.01, 83-227.02, 83-350, and

1 83-363 to 83-379 ~~83-380~~ and shall be liable in the same manner as he or
2 she would be on any other matters arising from the guardianship.

3 **Sec. 20.** Section 83-378, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
4 amended to read:

5 83-378 No person shall be liable for the cost of the care, support,
6 maintenance, and treatment of any patient except as provided in sections
7 83-363 to 83-379 ~~83-380~~, but the amounts determined to be due and unpaid
8 at the time of the death of a patient or relative shall constitute a
9 claim against the estate of such patient or relative. The department may
10 accept voluntary payments on behalf of any patient from any person who is
11 not liable for payments.

12 **Sec. 21.** Section 83-379, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
13 amended to read:

14 83-379 In the absence of fraud, a patient and the patient's ~~his~~
15 relatives shall be liable only to the extent of assessments actually made
16 against them respectively, in accordance with sections 83-227.01,
17 83-227.02, 83-350, and 83-363 to 83-379 ~~83-380~~. For the purposes of
18 sections 83-227.01, 83-227.02, 83-350, and 83-363 to 83-379 ~~83-380~~, it
19 shall be deemed fraudulent for any patient or the patient's ~~his~~ relatives
20 to transfer any assets or property to another person for the purpose of
21 affecting the determination of ability to pay. When it is determined that
22 such a fraudulent transfer has been made, the department shall consider
23 the value of such assets or property transferred in determining the
24 ability to pay under section 83-368 or 83-369.

25 **Sec. 22.** Section 83-380.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
26 amended to read:

27 83-380.01 Upon the discharge from a treatment facility, an indigent
28 person who has received mental-health-board-ordered treatment may file an
29 affidavit with the Department of Health and Human Services or the mental
30 health board requesting that prescription medicine which the regional
31 center treating psychiatrist or the patient's treating physician has

1 prescribed as necessary for the patient's mental health treatment be
2 provided to him or her. Such affidavit shall include the following: (1)
3 That the patient qualifies as an indigent person who is unable to pay
4 under the same standards of ability to pay as set forth in sections
5 83-363 to 83-379 ~~83-380~~; and (2) that such prescription medicine has been
6 prescribed by the regional center's treatment psychiatrist or the
7 patient's treating physician as necessary for the patient's mental health
8 treatment. The mental health board shall refer such requests it receives
9 to the Department of Health and Human Services and the department shall
10 provide such prescription medicine as may be necessary for such former
11 patient's mental health treatment so long as he or she remains an
12 outpatient and his or her treating physician continues to prescribe and
13 certify that such prescription medicine is necessary for the patient's
14 mental health treatment and he or she continues to be an indigent person
15 as determined under the same standards of ability to pay as set forth in
16 sections 83-363 to 83-379 ~~83-380~~. The Department of Health and Human
17 Services may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the
18 provisions of this section in accordance with the Administrative
19 Procedure Act, including, but not limited to, hearings necessary to
20 determine whether such person is qualified to receive such medications
21 and whether such medication is necessary for the patient's mental health
22 treatment.

23 **Sec. 23.** Section 84-101.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
24 amended to read:

25 84-101.01 Until January 4, 2007, the annual salary of the Governor
26 shall be eighty-five thousand dollars. Commencing January 4, 2007, the
27 annual salary of the Governor shall be one hundred five thousand dollars.
28 Such salary shall be payable in equal ~~monthly~~ installments.

29 **Sec. 24.** Section 84-201.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
30 amended to read:

31 84-201.01 Until January 4, 2007, the annual salary of the Attorney

1 General shall be seventy-five thousand dollars. Commencing January 4,
2 2007, the annual salary of the Attorney General shall be ninety-five
3 thousand dollars. The salary of the Attorney General shall be payable in
4 equal ~~monthly~~ installments.

5 **Sec. 25.** Section 84-206, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
6 amended to read:

7 84-206 The Attorney General shall appoint a deputy attorney general,
8 who shall be bonded or insured as required by section 11-201. A copy of
9 the appointment shall be deposited in the office of the Secretary of
10 State. The deputy may do and perform, in the absence of the Attorney
11 General, all the acts and duties that may be authorized and required to
12 be performed by the Attorney General. The Attorney General shall be
13 responsible for all acts of such deputy. The deputy shall receive a
14 salary of such amount as shall be fixed by the Attorney General, to be
15 paid in equal installments ~~on a monthly basis~~ by warrant of the Director
16 of Administrative Services on the State Treasurer. The salary of the
17 deputy attorney general and each full-time assistant attorney general
18 shall be not less than twenty thousand dollars.

19 **Sec. 26.** Section 84-314, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
20 amended to read:

21 84-314 The Auditor of Public Accounts shall have the power to
22 appoint a deputy, who shall give a bond or equivalent commercial
23 insurance policy to the State of Nebraska (1) with good and sufficient
24 surety, (2) in the amount required by section 11-119, (3) to be approved
25 by the Governor, and (4) deposited with the Secretary of State. When so
26 appointed the deputy may do and perform in the absence of the auditor
27 such acts herein authorized and required of the auditor, as the auditor
28 may authorize him or her to do, subject to the same restrictions. The
29 deputy auditor shall receive a salary of such amount as shall be fixed by
30 the Auditor of Public Accounts, to be paid in equal installments ~~monthly~~
31 by warrant of the auditor on the State Treasurer. The deputy auditor

1 shall have had not less than five years' experience either as an auditor
2 or in an executive capacity involving responsibility for directing the
3 work of others engaged in governmental accounting or auditing, or both,
4 and in addition shall be a certified public accountant.

5 **Sec. 27.** Section 84-509, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
6 amended to read:

7 84-509 The deputy secretary of state shall receive a salary of such
8 amount as shall be fixed by the Secretary of State, to be paid in equal
9 installments ~~monthly~~ by warrant of the Director of Administrative
10 Services on the State Treasurer.

11 **Sec. 28.** Section 84-608, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
12 amended to read:

13 84-608 The State Treasurer shall have the power to appoint a deputy.
14 The deputy may do and perform, in the absence of the treasurer, all of
15 the acts and duties that the deputy ~~he~~ may be authorized to perform by
16 the treasurer, subject to the same restrictions as the treasurer, and the
17 treasurer shall be responsible for all the official acts of the ~~his~~
18 deputy. Such deputy treasurer shall receive a salary of such amount as
19 shall be fixed by the State Treasurer, payable in equal installments
20 ~~monthly~~ by warrant of the Director of Administrative Services on the
21 State Treasurer.

22 **Sec. 29.** Section 84-721, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
23 amended to read:

24 84-721 Until January 4, 2007, there shall be paid as salaries to
25 certain constitutional officers as follows: Secretary of State, the sum
26 of sixty-five thousand dollars per year; Auditor of Public Accounts, the
27 sum of sixty thousand dollars per year; State Treasurer, the sum of sixty
28 thousand dollars per year; and Lieutenant Governor, the sum of sixty
29 thousand dollars per year. Commencing January 4, 2007, there shall be
30 paid as salaries to certain constitutional officers as follows: Secretary
31 of State, the sum of eighty-five thousand dollars per year; Auditor of

1 Public Accounts, the sum of eighty-five thousand dollars per year; State
2 Treasurer, the sum of eighty-five thousand dollars per year; and
3 Lieutenant Governor, the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars per year.
4 Such salaries shall be payable in equal ~~monthly~~ installments.

5 **Sec. 30.** Original sections 50-123.01, 53-112, 71-1131, 75-106,
6 80-401.02, 81-183, 81-186, 83-191, 83-227.01, 83-227.02, 83-363, 83-364,
7 83-367, 83-370, 83-371, 83-375, 83-377, 83-378, 83-379, 83-380.01,
8 84-101.01, 84-201.01, 84-206, 84-314, 84-509, 84-608, and 84-721, Reissue
9 Revised Statutes of Nebraska, section 72-201, Revised Statutes Cumulative
10 Supplement, 2024, and section 24-201.01, Revised Statutes Supplement,
11 2025, are repealed.

12 **Sec. 31.** The following section is outright repealed: Section
13 83-380, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

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LEGISLATIVE BILL 1162

Introduced by Ballard, 21.

Read first time January 20, 2026

Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Public Service Commission; to amend
- 2 section 75-401, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change
- 3 powers and duties of the Public Service Commission relating to
- 4 railroad safety; and to repeal the original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 **Section 1.** Section 75-401, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
2 amended to read:

3 75-401 (1) The commission shall exercise jurisdiction over the
4 service, facilities, and equipment of all railroad carriers in this
5 state. This jurisdiction shall extend and apply to the general public, as
6 well as those having business relations with the railroad carrier.
7 Sections 75-401 to 75-430 shall not be construed as giving the commission
8 jurisdiction or control over the relations between any railroad carrier
9 and its employees, or its employees' order, union, or other bargaining
10 agent, either contractual or otherwise, except as provided in sections
11 75-419 to 75-426.

12 (2) The commission may adopt the federal railroad safety standards
13 provided in 49 U.S.C. chapters 201 to 213 and 49 C.F.R. parts 200 to 299,
14 as such federal laws existed on January 1, 2026, for the limited purpose
15 of conducting safety inspections and participating in federal railroad
16 safety programs. The commission may conduct inspections, surveillance,
17 and related activities that are authorized under the Federal Railroad
18 Administration's State Safety Participation Program and may report
19 potential violations of federal railroad safety regulations to the
20 Federal Railroad Administration for appropriate federal enforcement.
21 ~~shall enforce the standards of railroad safety set forth in 49 C.F.R.~~
22 ~~parts 213, 215, 223, 229, 231, and 232.~~

23 **Sec. 2.** Original section 75-401, Reissue Revised Statutes of
24 Nebraska, is repealed.