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LEGISLATIVE BILL 1217

Introduced by Walz, 15; Day, 49; Morfeld, 46; Pansing Brooks, 28.

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Committee: Appropriations

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to the
- 2 Department of Administrative Services for incentive payments to
- 3 eligible school employees; and to declare an emergency.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. There is hereby appropriated \$XX,XXX,XXX from Federal
2 Funds for FY2021-22 to the Department of Administrative Services for
3 incentive payments to eligible school employees at approved or accredited
4 public, private, denominational, or parochial elementary and secondary
5 schools. The Federal Funds appropriated in this section are from the
6 funds allocated to the State of Nebraska from the federal Coronavirus
7 State Fiscal Recovery Fund pursuant to the federal American Rescue Plan
8 Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, Subtitle M, Sec. 9901.

9 The budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of
10 Administrative Services shall allocate one thousand dollars per eligible
11 school employee to each approved or accredited public, private,
12 denominational, or parochial elementary or secondary school which files
13 an application with the Department of Administrative Services on or
14 before May 15, 2022, that indicates the number of eligible school
15 employees as of May 1, 2022, for which an allocation is requested. School
16 employees eligible for the incentive payment include employees who
17 provide early childhood education but do not include administrators.

18 The Legislature finds that in order to respond to the ongoing
19 COVID-19 public health emergency, it is important to provide incentive
20 payments to ensure that public and private K-12 school personnel, along
21 with their affiliated early childhood education personnel, have adequate
22 and sufficient staffing. This includes teachers, para-educators, bus
23 drivers, food service handlers, librarians, and other support positions.

24 Sec. 2. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
25 passed and approved according to law.