

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA  
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SECOND SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 902A**

Introduced by Aguilar, 35.

Read first time March 10, 2022

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to amend Laws 2021, LB380,  
2 section 167; to appropriate funds to carry out the provisions of  
3 Legislative Bill 902, One Hundred Seventh Legislature, Second  
4 Session, 2022; and to repeal the original section.  
5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Laws 2021, LB 380, section 167 is amended to read:

2 Sec. 167. AGENCY NO. 50 – BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NEBRASKA STATE  
3 COLLEGES

4 Program No. 48 - Nebraska State Colleges - System Office

	FY2021-22	FY2022-23
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6 <u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>59,439,068</u>	<u>62,292,843</u>
7 <del>GENERAL FUND</del>	<del>59,439,068</del>	<del>62,242,843</del>
8 CASH FUND est.	43,007,296	43,007,296
9 FEDERAL FUND est.	48,049,900	48,049,900
10 REVOLVING FUND est.	9,286,232	9,286,232
11 <u>PROGRAM TOTAL</u>	<u>159,782,496</u>	<u>162,636,271</u>
12 <del>PROGRAM TOTAL</del>	<del>159,782,496</del>	<del>162,586,271</del>

13 (1) There is included in the appropriation to this program for  
 14 FY2021-22 \$2,000,000 General Funds for state aid for Nebraska Career  
 15 Scholarships, which shall only be used for such purpose. There is  
 16 included in the appropriation to this program for FY2022-23 \$3,050,000  
 17 ~~\$3,000,000~~ General Funds for state aid for Nebraska Career Scholarships,  
 18 which shall only be used for such purpose. There is included in the  
 19 amount shown as aid for Nebraska Career Scholarships \$50,000 for  
 20 FY2022-23 for cooperative programs with Wayne State College.

21 (2) The unexpended General Fund appropriation balance existing on  
 22 June 30, 2021, from the appropriation for the Nebraska Career Scholarship  
 23 Program, as authorized in Laws 2020, LB 1008, section 60, is hereby  
 24 reappropriated.

25 (3) It is the intent of the Legislature that upon the approval of  
 26 the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges, the System Office  
 27 of the Nebraska State Colleges may divide and distribute the funds  
 28 appropriated to this program among Chadron State College, Peru State  
 29 College, Wayne State College, and the System Office of the Nebraska State  
 30 Colleges.

31 (4) It is the intent of the Legislature that Cash Fund revenue from

1 resident tuition, nonresident tuition, off-campus tuition, and fees  
2 separately assessed shall be individually accounted for on the Nebraska  
3 Information System.

4 (5) The Legislature reaffirms its intent to utilize the Nebraska  
5 Educational Data System created by Laws 1978, LB 897, to support the  
6 appropriations and oversight process for postsecondary education. It is  
7 further the intent of the Legislature that all institutions provide the  
8 data in the precise formats required by the Coordinating Commission for  
9 Postsecondary Education.

10 (6) The Legislature reaffirms its commitment to long-range and  
11 short-range computer planning by the Nebraska state colleges. It is the  
12 intent of the Legislature that comprehensive computer plans of the  
13 Nebraska state colleges be updated biennially and submitted to the  
14 Legislative Fiscal Analyst, the Department of Administrative Services,  
15 and the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education on or before  
16 October 15 of each odd-numbered year. The plans required to be submitted  
17 to the Legislative Fiscal Analyst by this section shall be submitted  
18 electronically.

19 (7) The Department of Administrative Services shall monitor the  
20 appropriations and expenditures of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska  
21 State Colleges, Agency No. 50-0, and the Nebraska State Colleges, Agency  
22 Nos. 50-1, 50-3, and 50-4, according to NCHEMS-Program Classification  
23 Structure, Second Edition. Expenditure authority shall be limited to  
24 program appropriations.

25 (8) It is intended that:

26 (a) The Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges shall award  
27 scholarships that shall not exceed a maximum of fifteen thousand dollars  
28 per year to an eligible student who achieved a score on the ACT of 18 or  
29 higher and enrolled in a program of study in rangeland management,  
30 industrial technology, criminal justice, business administration,  
31 education, communication, and computer information systems;

1 (b) The Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges, acting as  
2 agents of the state, shall allocate Nebraska Career Scholarship funds  
3 between the campuses, determine eligibility of students, receive and  
4 process applications for awards to individual students, and disperse any  
5 award directly to eligible students during the fiscal year. Eligibility  
6 criteria shall include being a first-time freshman or a transfer student  
7 enrolled in an eligible program of study;

8 (c) A scholarship recipient shall be automatically renewed if the  
9 student remains eligible. No student shall receive a scholarship after  
10 four years of participation in the program;

11 (d) The Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges shall  
12 collect information on each scholarship recipient;

13 (e) Nebraska Career Scholarship funds may be used for tuition, fees,  
14 required tools and equipment, room, and board. Each student who receives  
15 a Nebraska Career Scholarship shall register with the appropriate campus  
16 office to obtain a Nebraska-based internship, apprenticeship, clinical  
17 position, or major-related field of employment prior to completion of the  
18 program of study;

19 (f) Every four years, the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State  
20 Colleges, in collaboration with the Department of Economic Development,  
21 shall evaluate which programs of study are needed to meet the workforce  
22 needs of the State of Nebraska; and

23 (g) The Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges shall  
24 report electronically to the Clerk of the Legislature and the Governor by  
25 December 1 of each year the following information:

26 (i) Total number of students enrolled in each eligible program of  
27 study in the prior school year and such program's enrollment as of  
28 September 30 each year thereafter;

29 (ii) The starting number of scholarship recipients in each program  
30 of study;

31 (iii) The total number of students retained year-over-year in each

1 program of study;

2 (iv) A comparison of the retention rate of scholarship recipients  
3 and nonscholarship recipients;

4 (v) The number of students in each program of study participating in  
5 an internship, apprenticeship, clinical position, or major-related field  
6 of employment during enrollment and comparing participation rates for  
7 scholarship and nonscholarship recipients;

8 (vi) The total number of graduates in each program of study, stating  
9 the number of scholarship recipients and comparing the graduation rate  
10 versus nonscholarship students;

11 (vii) The number of students in each program of study obtaining jobs  
12 in Nebraska within four months of graduation; and

13 (viii) The average starting salary.

14 (9) It is the intent of the Legislature for the Board of Trustees of  
15 the Nebraska State Colleges to utilize a trust fund to record revenue and  
16 expenses for the Corrections Workforce Development Pathway program at  
17 Peru State College.

18 Sec. 2. Original Laws 2021, LB380, section 167, is repealed.