

LEGISLATIVE BILL 902A

Approved by the Governor April 18, 2022

Introduced by Aguilar, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to amend Laws 2021, LB380, section 167; to appropriate funds to carry out the provisions of Legislative Bill 902, One Hundred Seventh Legislature, Second Session, 2022; and to repeal the original section.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

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

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

Program No. 48 - Nebraska State Colleges - System Office

	FY2021-22	FY2022-23
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>59,439,068</u>	<u>62,292,843</u>
GENERAL FUND	59,439,068	62,242,843
CASH FUND est.	43,007,296	43,007,296
FEDERAL FUND est.	48,049,900	48,049,900
REVOLVING FUND est.	9,286,232	9,286,232
<u>PROGRAM TOTAL</u>	<u>159,782,496</u>	<u>162,636,271</u>
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(1) There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2021-22 \$2,000,000 General Funds for state aid for Nebraska Career Scholarships, which shall only be used for such purpose. There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2022-23 \$3,050,000 ~~\$3,000,000~~ General Funds for state aid for Nebraska Career Scholarships, which shall only be used for such purpose. There is included in the amount shown as aid for Nebraska Career Scholarships \$50,000 for FY2022-23 for cooperative programs with Wayne State College.

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

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

(4) It is the intent of the Legislature that Cash Fund revenue from resident tuition, nonresident tuition, off-campus tuition, and fees separately assessed shall be individually accounted for on the Nebraska Information System.

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

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

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

(8) It is intended that:

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

(b) The Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges, acting as agents

of the state, shall allocate Nebraska Career Scholarship funds between the campuses, determine eligibility of students, receive and process applications for awards to individual students, and disperse any award directly to eligible students during the fiscal year. Eligibility criteria shall include being a first-time freshman or a transfer student enrolled in an eligible program of study;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(iii) The total number of students retained year-over-year in each program of study;

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

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

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

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

(viii) The average starting salary.

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

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