

AMENDMENTS TO LB227

(Amendments to E & R amendments, ER26)

Introduced by Riepe, 12.

1 1. Insert the following new sections:

2 Sec. 65. Section 71-1797, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
3 amended to read:

4 71-1797 The Legislature finds that it is imperative that the State
5 of Nebraska protect its investment and the progress made in its efforts
6 to alleviate the nursing shortage which exists. The Legislature also
7 finds that the Nebraska Center for Nursing will provide the appropriate
8 means to do so. It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate funds
9 necessary for the center to carry out the Nebraska Center for Nursing
10 Act, including, but not limited to, (1) administrative costs incurred by
11 the Department of Health and Human Services to expand clinical training
12 sites as provided in subsection (3) of section 71-1798 and (2) funds for
13 such expansion of clinical training sites in the amount of three million
14 dollars from the General Fund for fiscal year 2023-24 and three million
15 dollars from the General Fund for fiscal year 2024-25.

16 Sec. 66. Section 71-1798, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
17 amended to read:

18 71-1798 (1) The Nebraska Center for Nursing is established. The
19 center shall address issues of supply and demand for nurses, including
20 issues of recruitment, retention, and utilization of nurses. The
21 Legislature finds that the center will repay the state's investment by
22 providing an ongoing strategy for the allocation of the state's resources
23 directed towards nursing.

24 (2) The primary goals for the center are:

25 (a) ~~(1)~~ To develop a strategic statewide plan to alleviate the
26 nursing shortage in Nebraska by:

1 *(i)* ~~(a)~~ Establishing and maintaining a database on nursing supply
2 and demand in Nebraska, including current supply and demand and future
3 projections; and

4 *(ii)* ~~(b)~~ Selecting priorities from the plan to be addressed;

5 **(b)** ~~(2)~~ To convene various groups representative of nurses, other
6 health care providers, business and industry, consumers, legislators, and
7 educators to:

8 *(i)* ~~(a)~~ Review and comment on data analysis prepared for the center;

9 *(ii)* ~~(b)~~ Recommend systemic changes, including strategies for
10 implementation of recommended changes; and

11 *(iii)* ~~(c)~~ Evaluate and report the results of these efforts to the
12 Legislature and the public; and

13 **(c)** ~~(3)~~ To enhance and promote recognition, reward, and renewal
14 activities for nurses by:

15 *(i)* ~~(a)~~ Proposing and creating recognition, reward, and renewal
16 activities; and

17 *(ii)* ~~(b)~~ Promoting media and positive image-building efforts for
18 nursing.

19 (3) After consultation with a statewide association representing
20 hospitals and health systems that provide clinical nursing opportunities,
21 the Nebraska Center for Nursing Board shall provide for the expansion of
22 clinical training sites for nurses throughout the state, giving
23 preference to areas that have lower numbers of registered nurses per
24 capita compared to the state average, and shall provide for the
25 development of programs that:

26 (a) Incentivize clinical nurses to become clinical nurse faculty;

27 (b) Incentivize nurse faculty to partner with staff nurses in the
28 development of clinical nurse faculty;

29 (c) Expand simulation training for nurse clinical education; and

30 (d) Incentivize hospital facilities to support the center in
31 carrying out this subsection.

- 1 2. Correct the operative date and repealer sections so that the
- 2 sections added by this amendment become operative three calendar months
- 3 after the adjournment of this legislative session.
- 4 3. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.