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LEGISLATIVE BILL 771

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Linehan, 39.

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Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Department of Veterans' Affairs; to
- 2 provide for a postsecondary institution grant program as prescribed;
- 3 to provide powers and duties for the department; to state
- 4 legislative intent for appropriations; and to declare an emergency.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. (1) The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall provide
2 grants for any qualifying postsecondary institution with existing
3 partnerships or service agreements with the United States Defense POW/MIA
4 Accounting Agency to establish or expand undergraduate and graduate
5 student internships and academic course credit programming to assist the
6 United States Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency with accounting for
7 United States servicemembers and civilians missing from designated past
8 conflicts, as such conflicts are determined by such federal agency. For
9 purposes of this section, postsecondary institution has the same meaning
10 as in section 85-2702.

11 (2) Any grant awarded pursuant to this section by the Department of
12 Veterans' Affairs shall require a postsecondary institution applicant to
13 have first received the Veteran and Active Duty Supportive designation
14 under section 85-2703.

15 (3) The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall adopt and promulgate
16 rules and regulations to carry out the grant program.

17 Sec. 2. It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate two
18 hundred thousand dollars from the General Fund for FY2023-24 to the
19 Department of Veterans' Affairs for the purposes described in section 1
20 of this act.

21 Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
22 passed and approved according to law.