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LEGISLATIVE BILL 1051

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Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to nursing facilities; to create a fund; to
- 2 provide for grants; and to provide powers and duties.
- 3 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. (1) The Intergenerational Care Facility Incentive Cash
2 Fund is created. The fund shall consist of transfers from the General
3 Fund and any private donations made directly to the Intergenerational
4 Care Facility Incentive Cash Fund. It is the intent of the Legislature to
5 transfer three hundred thousand dollars from the General Fund for fiscal
6 year 2020-21 to the Intergenerational Care Facility Incentive Cash Fund.
7 The fund shall be used to provide grants pursuant to this section. Any
8 money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state
9 investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the
10 Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

11 (2) The Department of Health and Human Services shall develop
12 requirements for eligibility, application, and audits for grants from the
13 fund consistent with this section in collaboration with statewide
14 associations representing nursing facilities and other stakeholders. The
15 department shall meet with such associations prior to October 1, 2020, to
16 identify any statutes, rules, regulations, or other regulatory barriers
17 that impede the development of an intergenerational care facility which
18 provides nursing services and child care and develop recommendations to
19 remediate such barriers that do not impact the safety of the staff or
20 recipients of the nursing services and child care or the quality of
21 nursing services and child care.

22 (3) The grants shall be awarded to nursing facilities for one-time
23 startup costs to provide child care in nursing facilities. A nursing
24 facility may be awarded one grant under this section of up to fifty
25 thousand dollars. The grants shall be awarded for modification of
26 structures, modification of outside campus space of the nursing
27 facilities, purchase of child care equipment and supplies, or any
28 combination of such purposes.

29 (4) The department shall award the grants on the basis of date of
30 application with rural communities as defined in section 81-1228
31 receiving priority for applications filed on the same date. A nursing

1 facility that is under disciplinary action at the time of the application
2 is not eligible for a grant under this section. Each grant recipient
3 shall establish a plan to obtain a step three rating or higher on the
4 quality scale described in section 71-1956 within three years after the
5 date the grant is awarded.

6 (5) A nursing facility that receives a grant under this section
7 shall indicate how the grant was spent on the annual state-audited report
8 submitted to the medical assistance program under the Medical Assistance
9 Act.