

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA  
ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1085**

Introduced by Pansing Brooks, 28; Hilkemann, 4; McDonnell, 5; Wayne, 13.

Read first time January 18, 2022

Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate federal
- 2 funds to the State Department of Education; to declare legislative
- 3 intent to appropriate funds; and to declare an emergency.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. (1) The Legislature hereby finds and declares that:

2           (a) The COVID-19 public health emergency greatly impacted Nebraska's  
3 young people, resulting in lost instructional time for students, lost  
4 opportunities to conduct fundraising events, and lost educational  
5 capacity;

6           (b) There is a dire workforce need for health-science professionals,  
7 educators, skilled tradespeople, and support in related fields caused by  
8 the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

9           (c) Support for career and technical education programs as an  
10 extension of the classroom for real-world learning experience in middle  
11 and high schools is critical.

12           (2) There is hereby appropriated \$5,000,000 from Federal Funds for  
13 FY2022-23 to the State Department of Education for the purpose of  
14 carrying out the Center for Student Leadership and Expanded Learning Act  
15 and for career and technical educational student organizations. The  
16 Federal Funds appropriated in this section are from the funds allocated  
17 to the State of Nebraska from the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal  
18 Recovery Fund pursuant to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021,  
19 Public Law 117-2, Subtitle M, Sec. 9901.

20           (3) It is the intent of the Legislature:

21           (a) To appropriate \$1,300,000 from the General Fund each fiscal year  
22 beginning in FY2022-23 for administration of the Center for Student  
23 Leadership and Expanded Learning Act; and

24           (b) That expenditures may be made from such future appropriations  
25 for permanent and temporary salaries and per diems for state employees.

26           Sec. 2. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when  
27 passed and approved according to law.