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LEGISLATIVE BILL 1141

Introduced by Vargas, 7.

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Committee:

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

1 Section 1. (1) There is hereby appropriated \$3,000,000 from Federal
2 Funds for FY2022-23 to the Commission on Public Advocacy for the purposes
3 described in subsection (2) of this section. The Federal Funds
4 appropriated in this section are from the funds allocated to the State of
5 Nebraska from the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund pursuant
6 to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2,
7 Subtitle M, Sec. 9901.

8 (2) The Commission on Public Advocacy shall use the funds
9 appropriated in this section only for the purposes for which money can be
10 used under the Legal Aid and Services Fund, including:

11 (a) Funding legal representation for indigent clients in matters of
12 domestic violence, eviction, and other civil cases exacerbated by the
13 COVID-19 public health emergency;

14 (b) Administrative costs related to the legal representation
15 described in subdivision (a) of this subsection; and

16 (c) Public outreach to promote the legal representation described in
17 subdivision (a) of this subsection.

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