

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA  
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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 620**

Introduced by Wayne, 13.

Read first time January 18, 2017

Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to the
- 2 Department of Economic Development.
- 3 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. There is hereby appropriated (1) \$1,000,000 from the  
2 General Fund for FY2017-18 and (2) \$1,000,000 from the General Fund for  
3 FY2018-19 to the Department of Economic Development, for Program 603, for  
4 the Nebraska Developing Youth Talent Initiative. The department shall  
5 establish a separate budget subprogram to account for the expenditure of  
6 funds appropriated for the Nebraska Developing Youth Talent Initiative.  
7 It is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Economic  
8 Development shall select up to two industry partners or industry  
9 consortiums each fiscal year from the manufacturing, construction trades,  
10 and information technology sectors to participate in the initiative,  
11 which shall be in collaboration with public schools. The initiative shall  
12 be designed to reach students beginning in the seventh and eight grades.  
13 At least one industry partner selected to participate in the initiative  
14 shall have an apprenticeship program certified by the Department of  
15 Labor. An evaluation report regarding the results of the new  
16 appropriation for the initiative shall be provided to the Legislature  
17 electronically and to the Governor upon completion of FY2017-18, not  
18 later than September 15, 2018. A final evaluation report detailing the  
19 outcomes of the initiative shall be provided to the Legislature  
20 electronically and to the Governor upon completion of the initiative, not  
21 later than September 15, 2019. The department shall include in the final  
22 evaluation report its recommendation regarding the future funding of the  
23 initiative.