

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA  
ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 654**

Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

Read first time January 18, 2023

Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds from
- 2 the General Fund to the Legislative Council for the purpose of
- 3 awarding a planning grant relating to criminal justice; and to
- 4 declare an emergency.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. There is hereby appropriated \$250,000 from the General  
2 Fund for FY2023-24 to the Legislative Council, Program 504, for the  
3 purpose of awarding a planning grant to an organization to explore making  
4 probation, the district and state court systems, law enforcement, county  
5 attorneys, public defenders, and school districts more effective partners  
6 in juvenile justice reform. This effort should include a county having a  
7 population of one hundred fifty thousand or more inhabitants willing to  
8 lease or grant county-owned property for the purpose of creating a  
9 facility to address juvenile justice and behavioral health issues. The  
10 planning grant shall include a sustainable revenue model for such a  
11 facility.

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