LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE BILL 920

Introduced by Lathrop, 12. Read first time January 10, 2022 Committee:

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to criminal justice; to amend sections 2 28-116, 28-507, 28-518, 29-2204.02, 24-1302, 29-2221, 29-2263, 3 29-2269, 29-2281, 29-3603, 47-706, 50-434, 71-5661, 71-5662, 4 71-5666, 71-5668, 71-5669.01, 71-5663, 71-5665, and 83-1,110, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-101, 28-105, 5 6 28-416, 28-1351, 28-1354, 29-2204, 83-1,100.02, 83-1,111, 83-1,114, 7 83-1,135, and 83-1,135.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, to change provisions regarding problem solving courts, 8 2020; 9 mandatory minimums, penalties and provisions relating to controlled substances, theft, and burglary, 10 sentencing, set asides, 11 restitution, pretrial diversion, and parole; to provide for 12 applicability; to state legislative intent regarding appropriations; 13 to create pilot programs relating to courts, probation, and parole; 14 to create the Justice Reinvestment Oversight Task Force; to terminate the Committee on Justice Reinvestment Oversight; 15 to provide for parole for geriatric offenders; to define terms; to 16 provide duties for courts, the probation administrator, the Board of 17 18 Parole, the Division of Parole Supervision, the State Court 19 Administrator, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Department of Correctional Services; to provide for additional 20 21 benefits under the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive 22 Act; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

23 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

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Section 1. Section 24-1302, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 amended to read:

3 24-1302 (1) For purposes of this section, problem solving court
4 means a drug, veterans, mental health, driving under the influence,
5 reentry, young adult, or other problem solving court.

6 (2) A district court may establish a problem solving court. A 7 problem solving court shall function within the existing structure of the 8 court system. The goals of a problem solving court shall be consistent 9 with any relevant standards adopted by the United States Department of 10 Justice and the National Association of Drug Court Professionals, as such 11 standards existed on January 1, 2022.

12 (3) An individual may participate in a problem solving court through 13 a pretrial diversion program, as a condition of probation, as a response 14 to a technical violation of parole, as a sentence imposed by a court, or 15 as otherwise provided by the Supreme Court's rules.

16 (4) Problem (1) Drug, veterans, mental health, driving under the 17 influence, reentry, and other problem solving courts shall be subject to 18 rules which shall be promulgated by the Supreme Court for procedures to 19 be implemented in the administration of such courts.

20 (5) (2) It is the intent of the Legislature that funds be 21 appropriated separately to the Supreme Court <u>such that each judicial</u> 22 district may operate at least one drug, veterans, mental health, driving 23 under the influence, reentry, and young adult problem solving court. The 24 <u>State Court Administrator shall ensure that each judicial district has at</u> 25 <u>least one of such courts by January 1, 2023</u> for each of the problem 26 solving courts to carry out this section and section 24-1301.

(6) The State Court Administrator shall track and evaluate outcomes
 of problem solving courts. On or before June 1, 2023, and on or before
 each June 1 thereafter, the State Court Administrator shall
 electronically submit a report to the Legislature regarding the impact of
 problem solving courts on recidivism rates in the state. The report shall

<u>identify judicial districts that are underserved by problem solving</u>
 <u>courts and what services or funding are needed to properly serve such</u>
 <u>districts.</u>

Sec. 2. (1) The State Court Administrator shall create a pilot
program to utilize physical space and information technology resources
within Nebraska courts to serve as points of access for virtual
behavioral health for court-involved individuals.

8 <u>(2) The pilot program shall be limited to a single probation</u> 9 <u>district. Such district shall be chosen by the State Court Administrator</u> 10 <u>in consultation with the probation administrator</u>.

11 (3) The purpose of the program is to provide access to safe, 12 confidential, and reliable behavioral health treatment via telehealth for 13 Nebraskans involved with the criminal justice system, either as 14 defendants, probationers, or victims in a criminal proceeding.

15 (4) On or before June 1, 2023, the State Court Administrator shall
 16 electronically submit a report to the Judiciary Committee of the
 17 Legislature regarding the pilot program.

18 (5) It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate XXX dollars
 19 from General Funds for FY2022-23 to the State Court Administrator to
 20 carry out the pilot program.

21 Sec. 3. Section 28-101, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 22 2020, is amended to read:

28-101 Sections 28-101 to 28-1357 and 28-1601 to 28-1603 <u>and section</u>
<u>6 of this act</u> shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Criminal
25 Code.

26 Sec. 4. Section 28-105, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 27 2020, is amended to read:

28 28-105 (1) For purposes of the Nebraska Criminal Code and any 29 statute passed by the Legislature after the date of passage of the code, 30 felonies are divided into ten classes which are distinguished from one 31 another by the following penalties which are authorized upon conviction:

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| 30 (2) All sentences for maximum terms of imprisonment for one year or | 29 | | post-release supervision |
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more for felonies shall be served in institutions under the jurisdiction of the Department of Correctional Services. All sentences for maximum terms of imprisonment of less than one year shall be served in the county jail.

5 (3) Nothing in this section shall limit the authority granted in 6 sections 29-2221 and 29-2222 to increase sentences for habitual 7 criminals.

8 (4) A person convicted of a felony for which a mandatory minimum9 sentence is prescribed shall not be eligible for probation.

10 (5) All sentences of post-release supervision shall be served under 11 the jurisdiction of the Office of Probation Administration and shall be 12 subject to conditions imposed pursuant to section 29-2262 and subject to 13 sanctions authorized pursuant to section 29-2266.02.

(6) Any person who is sentenced to imprisonment for a Class I, IA,
IB, IC, ID, II, or IIA felony and sentenced concurrently or consecutively
to imprisonment for a Class III, IIIA, or IV felony shall not be subject
to post-release supervision pursuant to subsection (1) of this section.

18 (7) Any person who is sentenced to imprisonment for a Class III, 19 IIIA, or IV felony committed prior to August 30, 2015, and sentenced 20 concurrently or consecutively to imprisonment for a Class III, IIIA, or 21 IV felony committed on or after August 30, 2015, shall not be subject to 22 post-release supervision pursuant to subsection (1) of this section.

(8) The changes made to the penalties for Class III, IIIA, and IV
felonies by Laws 2015, LB605, do not apply to any offense committed prior
to August 30, 2015, as provided in section 28-116.

26 Sec. 5. Section 28-116, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 27 amended to read:

28 28-116 <u>(1)</u> The changes made to the sections listed in this 29 <u>subsection</u> section by Laws 2015, LB605, shall not apply to any offense 30 committed prior to August 30, 2015. Any such offense shall be construed 31 and punished according to the provisions of law existing at the time the

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offense was committed. For purposes of this subsection section, an 1 2 offense shall be deemed to have been committed prior to August 30, 2015, if any element of the offense occurred prior to such date. The following 3 4 sections are subject to this provision: Sections 9-262, 9-352, 9-434, 9-652, 23-135.01, 28-105, 28-106, 28-201, 28-204, 28-305, 28-306, 28-309, 5 28-310.01, 28-311, 28-311.01, 28-311.04, 28-311.08, 28-320, 28-322.02, 6 28-322.03, 28-322.04, 28-323, 28-393, 28-394, 28-397, 28-416, 28-504, 7 28-507, 28-514, 28-518, 28-519, 28-603, 28-604, 28-611, 28-611.01, 8 9 28-620, 28-621, 28-622, 28-627, 28-631, 28-638, 28-639, 28-703, 28-707, 10 28-813.01, 28-912, 28-932, 28-1005, 28-1009, 28-1102, 28-1103, 28-1104, 28-1212.03, 28-1222, 28-1224, 28-1344, 28-1345, 28-1463.05, 29-1816, 11 29-2204, 29-2260, 29-2308, 29-4011, 60-6,197.03, 60-6,197.06, 68-1017, 12 68-1017.01, 71-2228, and 71-2229. 13

(2) Except as otherwise provided in the sections listed in this 14 15 subsection, the changes made to the sections listed in this subsection by this legislative bill shall apply to offenses committed before, on, or 16 17 after the effective date of this act for which a final judgment has not been entered as of the effective date of this act. The following sections 18 19 are subject to this provision: Sections 28-105, 28-416, 28-507, 28-518, <u>28-1351, 28-1354, 29-2204, 29-2204.02, and 29-2221 and sections 6 and 14</u> 20 21 <u>of this act.</u>

22 Sec. 6. <u>A mandatory minimum sentence shall not be imposed for a</u> 23 <u>violation of section 28-416. The minimum term of imprisonment for a</u> 24 <u>violation of section 28-416 shall not be a mandatory minimum but a</u> 25 <u>minimum term only.</u>

26 Sec. 7. Section 28-416, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 27 2020, is amended to read:

28 28-416 (1) Except as authorized by the Uniform Controlled Substances 29 Act, it shall be unlawful for any person knowingly or intentionally: (a) 30 To manufacture, distribute, deliver, dispense, or possess with intent to 31 manufacture, distribute, deliver, or dispense a controlled substance; or

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(b) to create, distribute, or possess with intent to distribute a
 counterfeit controlled substance.

(2) Except as provided in subsections (4), (5), (7), (8), (9), and 3 4 (10) of this section, any person who violates subsection (1) of this section with respect to: (a) A controlled substance classified in 5 Schedule I, II, or III of section 28-405 which is an exceptionally 6 hazardous drug shall be guilty of a Class II felony; (b) any other 7 controlled substance classified in Schedule I, II, or III of section 8 28-405 shall be quilty of a Class IIA felony; or (c) a controlled 9 substance classified in Schedule IV or V of section 28-405 shall be 10 quilty of a Class IIIA felony. 11

(3)(a) (3) A person knowingly or intentionally possessing a 12 controlled substance, except marijuana or any substance containing a 13 quantifiable amount of the substances, chemicals, or compounds described, 14 defined, or delineated in subdivision (c)(25) of Schedule I of section 15 28-405, unless such substance was obtained directly or pursuant to a 16 medical order issued by a practitioner authorized to prescribe while 17 acting in the course of his or her professional practice, or except as 18 otherwise authorized by the act, shall: 19

(i) If the total weight of the substance or mixture is one-half of
 one gram or less, be guilty of a Class I misdemeanor; or

(ii) If the total weight of the substance or mixture is more than
 <u>one-half of one gram</u>, be guilty of a Class IV felony.

(b) A person shall not be in violation of this subsection if section
 28-472 applies.

(4)(a) Except as authorized by the Uniform Controlled Substances 26 Act, any person eighteen years of age or older who knowingly or 27 28 intentionally manufactures, distributes, delivers, dispenses, or possesses with intent to manufacture, distribute, deliver, or dispense a 29 controlled substance or a counterfeit controlled substance (i) to a 30 person under the age of eighteen years, (ii) in, on, or within one 31

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1 thousand feet of the real property comprising a public or private elementary, vocational, or secondary school, a community college, a 2 3 private college, junior college, or university, or public or а playground, or (iii) within one hundred feet of a public or private youth 4 center, public swimming pool, or video arcade facility shall be punished 5 by the next higher penalty classification than the penalty prescribed in 6 subsection (2), (7), (8), (9), or (10) of this section, depending upon 7 the controlled substance involved, for the first violation and for a 8 9 second or subsequent violation shall be punished by the next higher penalty classification than that prescribed for a first violation of this 10 subsection, but in no event shall such person be punished by a penalty 11 greater than a Class IB felony. 12

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(b) For purposes of this subsection:

(i) Playground means any outdoor facility, including any parking lot
appurtenant to the facility, intended for recreation, open to the public,
and with any portion containing three or more apparatus intended for the
recreation of children, including sliding boards, swingsets, and
teeterboards;

(ii) Video arcade facility means any facility legally accessible to persons under eighteen years of age, intended primarily for the use of pinball and video machines for amusement, and containing a minimum of ten pinball or video machines; and

(iii) Youth center means any recreational facility or gymnasium,
including any parking lot appurtenant to the facility or gymnasium,
intended primarily for use by persons under eighteen years of age which
regularly provides athletic, civic, or cultural activities.

(5)(a) Except as authorized by the Uniform Controlled Substances
Act, it shall be unlawful for any person eighteen years of age or older
to knowingly and intentionally employ, hire, use, cause, persuade, coax,
induce, entice, seduce, or coerce any person under the age of eighteen
years to manufacture, transport, distribute, carry, deliver, dispense,

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prepare for delivery, offer for delivery, or possess with intent to do
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3 (b) Except as authorized by the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, 4 it shall be unlawful for any person eighteen years of age or older to 5 knowingly and intentionally employ, hire, use, cause, persuade, coax, induce, entice, seduce, or coerce any person under the age of eighteen 6 years to aid and abet any person in the manufacture, transportation, 7 distribution, carrying, delivery, dispensing, preparation for delivery, 8 9 offering for delivery, or possession with intent to do the same of a controlled substance or a counterfeit controlled substance. 10

(c) Any person who violates subdivision (a) or (b) of this 11 subsection shall be punished by the next higher penalty classification 12 than the penalty prescribed in subsection (2), (7), (8), (9), or (10) of 13 this section, depending upon the controlled substance involved, for the 14 first violation and for a second or subsequent violation shall be 15 punished by the next higher penalty classification than that prescribed 16 for a first violation of this subsection, but in no event shall such 17 person be punished by a penalty greater than a Class IB felony. 18

(6) It shall not be a defense to prosecution for violation of
subsection (4) or (5) of this section that the defendant did not know the
age of the person through whom the defendant violated such subsection.

(7) Any person who violates subsection (1) of this section with
respect to cocaine or any mixture or substance containing a detectable
amount of cocaine in a quantity of:

(a) One hundred forty grams or more shall be guilty of a Class IBfelony;

(b) At least twenty-eight grams but less than one hundred fortygrams shall be guilty of a Class IC felony; or

(c) At least ten grams but less than twenty-eight grams shall beguilty of a Class ID felony.

31 (8) Any person who violates subsection (1) of this section with

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1 respect to base cocaine (crack) or any mixture or substance containing a 2 detectable amount of base cocaine in a quantity of:

3 (a) One hundred forty grams or more shall be guilty of a Class IB4 felony;

5 (b) At least twenty-eight grams but less than one hundred forty6 grams shall be guilty of a Class IC felony; or

7 (c) At least ten grams but less than twenty-eight grams shall be8 guilty of a Class ID felony.

9 (9) Any person who violates subsection (1) of this section with 10 respect to heroin or any mixture or substance containing a detectable 11 amount of heroin in a quantity of:

12 (a) One hundred forty grams or more shall be guilty of a Class IB13 felony;

(b) At least twenty-eight grams but less than one hundred fortygrams shall be guilty of a Class IC felony; or

16 (c) At least ten grams but less than twenty-eight grams shall be17 guilty of a Class ID felony.

(10) Any person who violates subsection (1) of this section with
respect to amphetamine, its salts, optical isomers, and salts of its
isomers, or with respect to methamphetamine, its salts, optical isomers,
and salts of its isomers, in a quantity of:

(a) One hundred forty grams or more shall be guilty of a Class IBfelony;

(b) At least twenty-eight grams but less than one hundred forty
grams shall be guilty of a Class IC felony; or

(c) At least ten grams but less than twenty-eight grams shall beguilty of a Class ID felony.

(11) Any person knowingly or intentionally possessing marijuana
weighing more than one ounce but not more than one pound shall be guilty
of a Class III misdemeanor.

31 (12) Any person knowingly or intentionally possessing marijuana

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1 weighing more than one pound shall be guilty of a Class IV felony.

2 (13) Any person knowingly or intentionally possessing marijuana 3 weighing one ounce or less or any substance containing a quantifiable 4 amount of the substances, chemicals, or compounds described, defined, or 5 delineated in subdivision (c)(25) of Schedule I of section 28-405 shall:

6 (a) For the first offense, be guilty of an infraction, receive a 7 citation, be fined three hundred dollars, and be assigned to attend a 8 course as prescribed in section 29-433 if the judge determines that 9 attending such course is in the best interest of the individual 10 defendant;

(b) For the second offense, be guilty of a Class IV misdemeanor, receive a citation, and be fined four hundred dollars and may be imprisoned not to exceed five days; and

(c) For the third and all subsequent offenses, be guilty of a Class
IIIA misdemeanor, receive a citation, be fined five hundred dollars, and
be imprisoned not to exceed seven days.

17 (14) Any person convicted of violating this section, if placed on 18 probation, shall, as a condition of probation, satisfactorily attend and 19 complete appropriate treatment and counseling on drug abuse provided by a 20 program authorized under the Nebraska Behavioral Health Services Act or 21 other licensed drug treatment facility.

(15) Any person convicted of violating this section, if sentenced to
 the Department of Correctional Services, shall attend appropriate
 treatment and counseling on drug abuse.

(16) Any person knowingly or intentionally possessing a firearm while in violation of subsection (1) of this section shall be punished by the next higher penalty classification than the penalty prescribed in subsection (2), (7), (8), (9), or (10) of this section, but in no event shall such person be punished by a penalty greater than a Class IB felony.

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(17) A person knowingly or intentionally in possession of money used

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or intended to be used to facilitate a violation of subsection (1) of
 this section shall be guilty of a Class IV felony.

3 (18) In addition to the existing penalties available for a violation 4 of subsection (1) of this section, including any criminal attempt or conspiracy to violate subsection (1) of this section, a sentencing court 5 may order that any money, securities, negotiable instruments, firearms, 6 7 conveyances, or electronic communication devices as defined in section 28-833 or any equipment, components, peripherals, software, hardware, or 8 9 accessories related to electronic communication devices be forfeited as a part of the sentence imposed if it finds by clear and convincing evidence 10 adduced at a separate hearing in the same prosecution, following 11 conviction for a violation of subsection (1) of this section, 12 and 13 conducted pursuant to section 28-1601, that any or all such property was derived from, used, or intended to be used to facilitate a violation of 14 subsection (1) of this section. 15

16 (19) In addition to the penalties provided in this section:

(a) If the person convicted or adjudicated of violating this section
is eighteen years of age or younger and has one or more licenses or
permits issued under the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act:

(i) For the first offense, the court may, as a part of the judgment
of conviction or adjudication, (A) impound any such licenses or permits
for thirty days and (B) require such person to attend a drug education
class;

(ii) For a second offense, the court may, as a part of the judgment of conviction or adjudication, (A) impound any such licenses or permits for ninety days and (B) require such person to complete no fewer than twenty and no more than forty hours of community service and to attend a drug education class; and

(iii) For a third or subsequent offense, the court may, as a part of
the judgment of conviction or adjudication, (A) impound any such licenses
or permits for twelve months and (B) require such person to complete no

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1 fewer than sixty hours of community service, to attend a drug education 2 class, and to submit to a drug assessment by a licensed alcohol and drug 3 counselor; and

4 (b) If the person convicted or adjudicated of violating this section
5 is eighteen years of age or younger and does not have a permit or license
6 issued under the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act:

7 (i) For the first offense, the court may, as part of the judgment of 8 conviction or adjudication, (A) prohibit such person from obtaining any 9 permit or any license pursuant to the act for which such person would 10 otherwise be eligible until thirty days after the date of such order and 11 (B) require such person to attend a drug education class;

(ii) For a second offense, the court may, as part of the judgment of conviction or adjudication, (A) prohibit such person from obtaining any permit or any license pursuant to the act for which such person would otherwise be eligible until ninety days after the date of such order and (B) require such person to complete no fewer than twenty hours and no more than forty hours of community service and to attend a drug education class; and

(iii) For a third or subsequent offense, the court may, as part of the judgment of conviction or adjudication, (A) prohibit such person from obtaining any permit or any license pursuant to the act for which such person would otherwise be eligible until twelve months after the date of such order and (B) require such person to complete no fewer than sixty hours of community service, to attend a drug education class, and to submit to a drug assessment by a licensed alcohol and drug counselor.

A copy of an abstract of the court's conviction or adjudication shall be transmitted to the Director of Motor Vehicles pursuant to sections 60-497.01 to 60-497.04 if a license or permit is impounded or a juvenile is prohibited from obtaining a license or permit under this subsection.

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Sec. 8. Section 28-507, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

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1 amended to read:

2 28-507 <u>(1)(a)</u> (1) A person commits burglary <u>in the first degree</u> if 3 such person willfully, maliciously, and forcibly breaks and enters any 4 <u>dwelling</u> real estate or any improvements erected thereon with intent to 5 commit any felony or with intent to steal property of any value.

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<u>(b)</u> (2) Burglary <u>in the first degree</u> is a Class IIA felony.

7 (2)(a) A person commits burglary in the second degree if such person
8 willfully, maliciously, and forcibly breaks and enters any building,
9 other than a dwelling, while occupied, with intent to commit any felony
10 or with intent to steal property of any value.

11 (b) Burglary in the second degree is a Class III felony.

12 (3)(a) A person commits burglary in the third degree if such person 13 willfully, maliciously, and forcibly breaks and enters any real estate or 14 any improvements erected thereon, other than a dwelling, while 15 unoccupied, with intent to commit any felony or with intent to steal 16 property of any value.

17 (b) Burglary in the second degree is a Class IIIA felony.

18 (4) For purposes of this section, occupied means that a person,
 19 other than the defendant or a coconspirator, accomplice, or other person
 20 acting in concert with the defendant, is actually present.

21 Sec. 9. Section 28-518, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 22 amended to read:

28-518 (1) Theft constitutes a Class IIA felony when the value of
the thing involved is five thousand dollars or more.

(2) Theft constitutes a Class IV felony when the value of the thing
involved is one thousand five hundred dollars or more but less than five
thousand dollars.

(3) Theft constitutes a Class I misdemeanor when the value of the
thing involved is more than five hundred dollars but less than one
thousand five hundred dollars.

31 (4) Theft constitutes a Class II misdemeanor when the value of the

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1 thing involved is five hundred dollars or less.

2 (5) For any second or subsequent conviction under subsection (3) of
3 this section, any person so offending shall be guilty of a Class IV
4 felony.

5 (6) For any second conviction under subsection (4) of this section, 6 any person so offending shall be guilty of a Class I misdemeanor, and for 7 any third or subsequent conviction under subsection (4) of this section, 8 the person so offending shall be guilty of a Class IV felony.

9 <u>(7) For a prior conviction to be used to enhance the penalty under</u> 10 <u>subsection (5) or (6) of this section, the prior conviction must have</u> 11 <u>occurred no more than ten years prior to the date of commission of the</u> 12 <u>current offense.</u>

13 (8) (7) Amounts taken pursuant to one scheme or course of conduct 14 from one or more persons may be aggregated in the indictment or 15 information in determining the classification of the offense, except that 16 amounts may not be aggregated into more than one offense.

17 <u>(9)</u> (8) In any prosecution for theft under sections 28-509 to 18 28-518, value shall be an essential element of the offense that must be 19 proved beyond a reasonable doubt.

20 Sec. 10. Section 28-1351, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 21 2020, is amended to read:

22 28-1351 (1) A person commits the offense of unlawful membership recruitment into an organization or association when he or she knowingly 23 24 and intentionally coerces, intimidates, threatens, or inflicts bodily 25 harm upon another person in order to entice that other person to join or prevent that other person from leaving any organization, 26 group, enterprise, or association whose members, individually or collectively, 27 28 engage in or have engaged in any of the following criminal acts for the benefit of, at the direction of, or on behalf of the organization, group, 29 enterprise, or association or any of its members: 30

31 (a) Robbery under section 28-324;

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(b) Arson in the first, second, or third degree under section
 28-502, 28-503, or 28-504, respectively;

3 (c) Burglary <u>in the first, second, or third degree</u> under section
4 28-507;

5 (d) Murder in the first degree, murder in the second degree, or
6 manslaughter under section 28-303, 28-304, or 28-305, respectively;

7 (e) Violations of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act that involve
8 possession with intent to deliver, distribution, delivery, or manufacture
9 of a controlled substance;

(f) Unlawful use, possession, or discharge of a firearm or other
deadly weapon under sections 28-1201 to 28-1212.04;

(g) Assault in the first degree or assault in the second degreeunder section 28-308 or 28-309, respectively;

(h) Assault on an officer, an emergency responder, 14 a state 15 correctional employee, a Department of Health and Human Services employee, or a health care professional in the first, second, or third 16 17 degree under section 28-929, 28-930, or 28-931, respectively, or assault on an officer, an emergency responder, a state correctional employee, a 18 Department of Health and Human Services employee, or a health care 19 professional using a motor vehicle under section 28-931.01; 20

21 (i) Theft by unlawful taking or disposition under section 28-511;

22 (j) Theft by receiving stolen property under section 28-517;

23 (k) Theft by deception under section 28-512;

24 (1) Theft by extortion under section 28-513;

25 (m) Kidnapping under section 28-313;

26 (n) Any forgery offense under sections 28-602 to 28-605;

27 (o) Criminal impersonation under section 28-638;

(p) Tampering with a publicly exhibited contest under section 29 28-614;

30 (q) Unauthorized use of a financial transaction device or criminal
 31 possession of a financial transaction device under section 28-620 or

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1 28-621, respectively;

2 (r) Pandering under section 28-802;

3 (s) Bribery, bribery of a witness, or bribery of a juror under
4 section 28-917, 28-918, or 28-920, respectively;

5 (t) Tampering with a witness or an informant or jury tampering under
6 section 28-919;

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(u) Unauthorized application of graffiti under section 28-524;

8 (v) Dogfighting, cockfighting, bearbaiting, or pitting an animal
9 against another under section 28-1005; or

10 (w) Promoting gambling in the first degree under section 28-1102.

11 (2) Unlawful membership recruitment into an organization or12 association is a Class IV felony.

Sec. 11. Section 28-1354, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2020, is amended to read:

15 28-1354 For purposes of the Public Protection Act:

16 Enterprise means any individual, sole proprietorship, (1)17 partnership, corporation, trust, association, or any legal entity, union, or group of individuals associated in fact although not a legal entity, 18 and shall include illicit as well as licit enterprises as well as other 19 entities; 20

(2) Pattern of racketeering activity means a cumulative loss for one or more victims or gains for the enterprise of not less than one thousand five hundred dollars resulting from at least two acts of racketeering activity, one of which occurred after August 30, 2009, and the last of which occurred within ten years, excluding any period of imprisonment, after the commission of a prior act of racketeering activity;

(3) Until January 1, 2017, person means any individual or entity, as
defined in section 21-2014, holding or capable of holding a legal,
equitable, or beneficial interest in property. Beginning January 1, 2017,
person means any individual or entity, as defined in section 21-214,
holding or capable of holding a legal, equitable, or beneficial interest

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2 (4) Prosecutor includes the Attorney General of the State of 3 Nebraska, the deputy attorney general, assistant attorneys general, a 4 county attorney, a deputy county attorney, or any person so designated by 5 the Attorney General, a county attorney, or a court of the state to carry 6 out the powers conferred by the act;

7 (5) Racketeering activity includes the commission of, criminal 8 attempt to commit, conspiracy to commit, aiding and abetting in the 9 commission of, aiding in the consummation of, acting as an accessory to 10 the commission of, or the solicitation, coercion, or intimidation of 11 another to commit or aid in the commission of any of the following:

(a) Offenses against the person which include: Murder in the first 12 13 degree under section 28-303; murder in the second degree under section 28-304; manslaughter under section 28-305; assault in the first degree 14 under section 28-308; assault in the second degree under section 28-309; 15 assault in the third degree under section 28-310; terroristic threats 16 17 under section 28-311.01; kidnapping under section 28-313; false imprisonment in the first degree under section 28-314; false imprisonment 18 19 in the second degree under section 28-315; sexual assault in the first degree under section 28-319; and robbery under section 28-324; 20

(b) Offenses relating to controlled substances which include: To 21 unlawfully manufacture, distribute, deliver, dispense, or possess with 22 intent to manufacture, distribute, deliver, or dispense a controlled 23 24 substance under subsection (1) of section 28-416; possession of marijuana 25 weighing more than one pound under subsection (12) of section 28-416; possession of money used or intended to be used to facilitate a violation 26 of subsection (1) of section 28-416 prohibited under subsection (17) of 27 28 section 28-416; any violation of section 28-418; to unlawfully manufacture, distribute, deliver, or possess with intent to distribute or 29 imitation controlled 30 deliver an substance under section 28-445; possession of anhydrous ammonia with the intent to manufacture 31

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methamphetamine under section 28-451; and possession of ephedrine,
 pseudoephedrine, or phenylpropanolamine with the intent to manufacture
 methamphetamine under section 28-452;

(c) Offenses against property which include: Arson in the first 4 degree under section 28-502; arson in the second degree under section 5 28-503; arson in the third degree under section 28-504; burglary in the 6 first, second, or third degree under section 28-507; theft by unlawful 7 taking or disposition under section 28-511; theft by shoplifting under 8 9 section 28-511.01; theft by deception under section 28-512; theft by extortion under section 28-513; theft of services under section 28-515; 10 theft by receiving stolen property under section 28-517; criminal 11 mischief under section 28-519; and unlawfully depriving or obtaining 12 property or services using a computer under section 28-1344; 13

(d) Offenses involving fraud which include: Burning to defraud an 14 insurer under section 28-505; forgery in the first degree under section 15 16 28-602; forgery in the second degree under section 28-603; criminal possession of a forged instrument under section 28-604; criminal 17 possession of written instrument forgery devices under section 28-605; 18 criminal impersonation under section 28-638; identity theft under section 19 28-639; identity fraud under section 28-640; false statement or book 20 entry under section 28-612; tampering with a publicly exhibited contest 21 under section 28-614; issuing a false financial statement for purposes of 22 23 obtaining a financial transaction device under section 28-619; 24 unauthorized use of a financial transaction device under section 28-620; criminal possession of a financial transaction device under section 25 28-621; unlawful circulation of a financial transaction device in the 26 first degree under section 28-622; unlawful circulation of a financial 27 transaction device in the second degree under section 28-623; criminal 28 possession of a blank financial transaction device under section 28-624; 29 criminal sale of a blank financial transaction device under section 30 28-625; criminal possession of a financial transaction forgery device 31

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1 under section 28-626; unlawful manufacture of a financial transaction 2 device under section 28-627; laundering of sales forms under section 28-628; unlawful acquisition of sales form processing services under 3 4 section 28-629; unlawful factoring of a financial transaction device 5 under section 28-630; and fraudulent insurance acts under section 28-631; (e) Offenses involving governmental operations which include: Abuse 6 7 of public records under section 28-911; perjury or subornation of perjury under section 28-915; bribery under section 28-917; bribery of a witness 8 9 under section 28-918; tampering with a witness or informant or jury 10 tampering under section 28-919; bribery of a juror under section 28-920; 11 assault on an officer, an emergency responder, a state correctional employee, a Department of Health and Human Services employee, or a health 12 13 care professional in the first degree under section 28-929; assault on an 14 officer, an emergency responder, a state correctional employee, a Department of Health and Human Services employee, or a health care 15 16 professional in the second degree under section 28-930; assault on an 17 officer, an emergency responder, a state correctional employee, a Department of Health and Human Services employee, or a health care 18 professional in the third degree under section 28-931; and assault on an 19 officer, an emergency responder, a state correctional employee, a 20 Department of Health and Human Services employee, or a health care 21 22 professional using a motor vehicle under section 28-931.01;

(f) Offenses involving gambling which include: Promoting gambling in
the first degree under section 28-1102; possession of gambling records
under section 28-1105; gambling debt collection under section 28-1105.01;
and possession of a gambling device under section 28-1107;

(g) Offenses relating to firearms, weapons, and explosives which 27 28 include: Carrying concealed weapon under section 28-1202; а transportation or possession of machine guns, short rifles, or short 29 shotguns under section 28-1203; unlawful possession of a handgun under 30 section 28-1204; unlawful transfer of a firearm to a juvenile under 31

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1 section 28-1204.01; possession of a firearm by a prohibited juvenile 2 offender under section 28-1204.05; using a deadly weapon to commit a felony or possession of a deadly weapon during the commission of a felony 3 under section 28-1205; possession of a deadly weapon by a prohibited 4 person under section 28-1206; possession of a defaced firearm under 5 section 28-1207; defacing a firearm under section 28-1208; unlawful 6 7 discharge of a firearm under section 28-1212.02; possession, receipt, retention, or disposition of a stolen firearm under section 28-1212.03; 8 9 unlawful possession of explosive materials in the first degree under section 28-1215; unlawful possession of explosive materials in the second 10 degree under section 28-1216; unlawful sale of explosives under section 11 28-1217; use of explosives without a permit under section 28-1218; 12 13 obtaining an explosives permit through false representations under 14 section 28-1219; possession of a destructive device under section 28-1220; threatening the use of explosives or placing a false bomb under 15 16 section 28-1221; using explosives to commit a felony under section 17 28-1222; using explosives to damage or destroy property under section 28-1223; and using explosives to kill or injure any person under section 18 19 28-1224;

20 (h) Any violation of the Securities Act of Nebraska pursuant to21 section 8-1117;

(i) Any violation of the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 pursuant to
 section 77-2713;

(j) Offenses relating to public health and morals which include:
Prostitution under section 28-801; pandering under section 28-802;
keeping a place of prostitution under section 28-804; labor trafficking,
sex trafficking, labor trafficking of a minor, or sex trafficking of a
minor under section 28-831; a violation of section 28-1005; and any act
relating to the visual depiction of sexually explicit conduct prohibited
in the Child Pornography Prevention Act; and

31 (k) A violation of the Computer Crimes Act;

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(6) State means the State of Nebraska or any political subdivision
 or any department, agency, or instrumentality thereof; and

3 (7) Unlawful debt means a debt of at least one thousand five hundred4 dollars:

5 (a) Incurred or contracted in gambling activity which was in 6 violation of federal law or the law of the state or which is 7 unenforceable under state or federal law in whole or in part as to 8 principal or interest because of the laws relating to usury; or

9 (b) Which was incurred in connection with the business of gambling 10 in violation of federal law or the law of the state or the business of 11 lending money or a thing of value at a rate usurious under state law if 12 the usurious rate is at least twice the enforceable rate.

Sec. 12. Section 29-2204, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2020, is amended to read:

15 29-2204 (1) Except when a term of life imprisonment is required by 16 law, in imposing a sentence upon an offender for any class of felony 17 other than a Class III, IIIA, or IV felony, the court shall fix the 18 minimum and the maximum terms of the sentence to be served within the 19 limits provided by law. The maximum term shall not be greater than the 20 maximum limit provided by law, and:

21 (a) The minimum term fixed by the court shall be:

(i) For a violation other than as described in subdivision (1)(a)
(ii) of this section, any term of years less than or equal to fifty
percent of the maximum term imposed by the court; or

(ii) For a violation of section 28-316.01, 28-319, 28-319.01,
 28-320, 28-320.01, 28-320.02, 28-322.01, 28-322.02, 28-322.03, 28-322.04,
 or 28-322.05, any term of years less than or equal to seventy percent of
 the maximum term imposed by the court; or

(b) The minimum term shall be the minimum limit provided by law.
(2) When a maximum term of life is imposed by the court for a Class
IB felony, the minimum term fixed by the court shall be:

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(a) Any term of years not less than the minimum limit provided by
 law; or

3 (b) A term of life imprisonment.

4 (3) When a maximum term of life is imposed by the court for a Class
5 IA felony, the minimum term fixed by the court shall be:

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(a) A term of life imprisonment; or

7 (b) Any term of years not less than the minimum limit provided by 8 law after consideration of the mitigating factors in section 28-105.02, 9 if the defendant was under eighteen years of age at the time he or she 10 committed the crime for which he or she was convicted.

11 (4) When the court is of the opinion that imprisonment may be 12 appropriate but desires more detailed information as a basis for 13 determining the sentence to be imposed than has been provided by the 14 presentence report required by section 29-2261, the court may commit an 15 offender to the Department of Correctional Services. During that time, 16 the department shall conduct a complete study of the offender as provided 17 in section 29-2204.03.

(5) Except when a term of life is required by law, whenever the defendant was under eighteen years of age at the time he or she committed the crime for which he or she was convicted, the court may, in its discretion, instead of imposing the penalty provided for the crime, make such disposition of the defendant as the court deems proper under the Nebraska Juvenile Code.

(6)(a) When determining whether to impose a consecutive or
 concurrent sentence, a court shall impose a concurrent sentence unless
 the court, on the record, identifies one or more aggravating factors
 under section 14 of this act that necessitate a consecutive sentence.

(b) This subsection does not apply when a consecutive sentence is
 required by statute.

30 <u>(7)(a)</u> (6)(a) When imposing an indeterminate sentence upon an 31 offender under this section, the court shall:

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1 (i) Advise the offender on the record the time the offender will 2 serve on his or her minimum term before attaining parole eligibility 3 assuming that no good time for which the offender will be eligible is 4 lost; and

5 (ii) Advise the offender on the record the time the offender will 6 serve on his or her maximum term before attaining mandatory release 7 assuming that no good time for which the offender will be eligible is 8 lost.

9 (b) If any discrepancy exists between the statement of the minimum 10 limit of the sentence and the statement of parole eligibility or between 11 the statement of the maximum limit of the sentence and the statement of 12 mandatory release, the statements of the minimum limit and the maximum 13 limit shall control the calculation of the offender's term.

(c) If the court imposes more than one sentence upon an offender or imposes a sentence upon an offender who is at that time serving another sentence, the court shall state whether the sentences are to be concurrent or consecutive.

Sec. 13. Section 29-2204.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

20 29-2204.02 (1) Except when a term of probation is required by law as 21 provided in subsection (2) of this section or except as otherwise 22 provided in subsection (4) of this section, in imposing a sentence upon 23 an offender for a Class III, IIIA, or IV felony, the court shall:

(a) Impose a determinate sentence of imprisonment within theapplicable range in section 28-105; and

(b) Impose a sentence of post-release supervision, under the
jurisdiction of the Office of Probation Administration, within the
applicable range in section 28-105.

(2) If the criminal offense is a Class IV felony, the court shallimpose a sentence of probation unless:

31 (a) The defendant is concurrently or consecutively sentenced to

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1 imprisonment for any felony other than another Class IV felony;

2 (b) The defendant has been deemed a habitual criminal pursuant to3 section 29-2221; or

4 (c) There are substantial and compelling reasons why the defendant 5 cannot effectively and safely be supervised in the community, including, 6 but not limited to, the criteria in subsections (2) and (3) of section 7 29-2260. Unless other reasons are found to be present, that the offender 8 has not previously succeeded on probation is not, standing alone, a 9 substantial and compelling reason.

10 (3) If a sentence of probation is not imposed, the court shall state 11 its reasoning on the record, advise the defendant of his or her right to 12 appeal the sentence, and impose a sentence as provided in subsection (1) 13 of this section.

(4) For any sentence of imprisonment for a Class III, IIIA, or IV 14 felony for an offense committed on or after August 30, 2015, imposed 15 consecutively or concurrently with (a) a sentence for a Class III, IIIA, 16 17 or IV felony for an offense committed prior to August 30, 2015, or (b) a sentence of imprisonment for a Class I, IA, IB, IC, ID, II, or IIA 18 19 felony, the court shall impose an indeterminate sentence within the applicable range in section 28-105 that does not include a period of 20 post-release supervision, in accordance with the process set forth in 21 22 section 29-2204.

23 (5) For any sentence of imprisonment for a misdemeanor imposed 24 consecutively or concurrently with a sentence of imprisonment for a Class 25 III, IIIA, or IV felony for an offense committed on or after August 30, 2015, the court shall impose a determinate sentence within the applicable 26 range in section 28-106 unless the person is also committed to the 27 28 Department of Correctional Services in accordance with section 29-2204 for (a) a sentence of imprisonment for a Class III, IIIA, or IV felony 29 committed prior to August 30, 2015, or (b) a sentence of imprisonment for 30 a Class I, IA, IB, IC, ID, II, or IIA felony. 31

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1 (6) If the defendant was under eighteen years of age at the time he 2 or she committed the crime for which he or she was convicted, the court 3 may, in its discretion, instead of imposing the penalty provided for the 4 crime, make such disposition of the defendant as the court deems proper 5 under the Nebraska Juvenile Code.

6 (7)(a) When determining whether to impose a consecutive or
7 concurrent sentence, a court shall impose a concurrent sentence unless
8 the court, on the record, identifies one or more aggravating factors
9 under section 14 of this act that necessitate a consecutive sentence.

(b) This subsection does not apply when a consecutive sentence is
 required by statute.

12 (8)(a) (7)(a) When imposing a determinate sentence upon an offender
 13 under this section, the court shall:

(i) Advise the offender on the record the time the offender will
serve on his or her term of imprisonment before his or her term of postrelease supervision assuming that no good time for which the offender
will be eligible is lost;

18 (ii) Advise the offender on the record the time the offender will
19 serve on his or her term of post-release supervision; and

(iii) When imposing a sentence following revocation of post-release supervision, advise the offender on the record the time the offender will serve on his or her term of imprisonment, including credit for time served, assuming that no good time for which the offender will be eligible is lost.

(b) If a period of post-release supervision is required but not
imposed by the sentencing court, the term of post-release supervision
shall be the minimum provided by law.

(c) If the court imposes more than one sentence upon an offender or
 imposes a sentence upon an offender who is at that time serving another
 sentence, the court shall state whether the sentences are to be
 concurrent or consecutive.

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| 1 | (d) If the offender has been sentenced to two or more determinate | | |
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| 2 | sentences and one or more terms of post-release supervision, the offender | | |
| 3 | shall serve all determinate sentences before being released on post- | | |
| 4 | release supervision. | | |
| 5 | Sec. 14. Except when a consecutive sentence is required by statute, | | |
| 6 | <u>a court shall not order a sentence to run consecutive to another</u> | | |
| 7 | sentence, whether being imposed at the same time or already being served, | | |
| 8 | <u>unless the court finds, on the record, that at least one of the following</u> | | |
| 9 | aggravating factors applies: | | |
| 10 | (1) The offenses occurred on different days; | | |
| 11 | <u>(2) The offenses involved the use of force or threat of serious</u> | | |
| 12 | bodily harm against separate victims; | | |
| 13 | <u>(3) One of the offenses was a violation of section 28-316.01,</u> | | |
| 14 | <u>28-319, 28-319.01, 28-320, 28-320.01, 28-320.02, 28-322.01, 28-322.02,</u> | | |
| 15 | <u>28-322.03, 28-322.04, or 28-322.05 or otherwise involved a sexual</u> | | |
| 16 | <u>assault; or</u> | | |
| 17 | (4) One of the offenses was especially heinous, atrocious, or cruel | | |
| 18 | or manifested exceptional depravity by ordinary standards of morality and | | |
| 19 | <u>intelligence.</u> | | |
| 20 | Sec. 15. Section 29-2221, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is | | |
| 21 | amended to read: | | |
| 22 | 29-2221 (1) Whoever has been twice convicted of a <u>covered felony</u> | | |
| 23 | crime , sentenced, and committed to prison, in this or any other state or | | |
| 24 | by the United States or once in this state and once at least in any other | | |
| 25 | state or by the United States, for terms of not less than one year each | | |
| 26 | shall, upon conviction of any a felony committed in this state, be deemed | | |
| 27 | to be a habitual criminal and shall be punished by imprisonment in a | | |
| 28 | Department of Correctional Services adult correctional facility for a | | |
| 29 | mandatory minimum term of ten years and a maximum term of not more than | | |

sixty years, except that: 30 (a) If the felony committed is in violation of section 28-303,

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1 28-304, 28-308, 28-313, 28-319, 28-319.01, 28-502, 28-929, or 28-1222, 2 and at least one of the habitual criminal's prior <u>covered</u> felony 3 convictions was for a violation of one of the sections listed in this 4 subdivision or of a similar statute in another state or of the United 5 States, the mandatory minimum term shall be twenty-five years and the 6 maximum term not more than sixty years;

(b) If the felony committed is in violation of subsection (3) of 7 section 28-306 and at least one of the prior convictions is in violation 8 9 of subsection (3) of section 28-306 and the other is in violation of one 10 of the sections set forth in subdivision (a) of this subsection or if the felony committed is in violation of one of the sections set forth in 11 subdivision (a) of this subsection and both of the prior convictions are 12 13 in violation of subsection (3) of section 28-306, the mandatory minimum term shall be twenty-five years and the maximum term not more than sixty 14 years; and 15

16 (c) If a greater punishment is otherwise provided by statute, the17 law creating the greater punishment shall govern.

(2) When punishment of an accused as a habitual criminal is sought, 18 the facts with reference thereto shall be charged in the indictment or 19 information which contains the charge of the felony upon which the 20 accused is prosecuted, but the fact that the accused is charged with 21 being a habitual criminal shall not be an issue upon the trial of the 22 felony charge and shall not in any manner be disclosed to the jury. If 23 24 the accused is convicted of a felony, before sentence is imposed a 25 hearing shall be had before the court alone as to whether such person has been previously convicted of prior covered felonies. The court shall fix 26 a time for the hearing and notice thereof shall be given to the accused 27 at least three days prior thereto. At the hearing, if the court finds 28 from the evidence submitted that the accused has been convicted two or 29 more times of covered felonies and sentences imposed therefor by the 30 courts of this or any other state or by the United States, the court 31

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1 shall sentence such person so convicted as a habitual criminal.

2 (3) If the person so convicted shows to the satisfaction of the 3 court before which the conviction was had that he or she was released 4 from imprisonment upon either of such sentences upon a pardon granted for 5 the reason that he or she was innocent, such conviction and sentence 6 shall not be considered as such under this section and section 29-2222.

7 <u>(4) For purposes of this section:</u>

8 <u>(a) Covered felony means:</u>

(i) A felony violation of any of the following sections: Section 9 10 28-303, 28-304, 28-305, 28-306, 28-308, 28-309, 28-310.01, 28-311, 28-311.01, 28-311.03, 28-311.08, 28-313, 28-314, 28-316.01, 28-319, 11 28-319.01, 28-320, 28-320.01, 28-320.02, 28-322.02, 28-322.03, 28-322.04, 12 <u>28-322.05, 28-323, 28-324, 28-386, 28-391, 28-392, 28-393, 28-394,</u> 13 28-397, 28-398, 28-502, 28-503, 28-507, 28-703, 28-707, 28-813.01, 14 28-831, 28-833, 28-904, 28-905, 28-912, 28-929, 28-930, 28-931, 15 28-931.01, 28-932, 28-933, 28-934, 28-1005, 28-1009, 28-1105.01, 28-1205, 16 17 <u>28-1212.02, 28-1212.04, 28-1221, 28-1222, 28-1223, 28-1224, 28-1351,</u> 18 28-1463.03, or 28-1463.05;

19 <u>(ii) A felony that has an element of the offense:</u>

20 <u>(A) Sexual contact or sexual penetration; or</u>

21 (B) The threat to inflict serious bodily injury or death on another
22 person, the infliction of serious bodily injury on another person, or
23 causing the death of another person;

(iii) Attempt, solicitation, aiding or abetting, being an accessory,
 or conspiracy to commit an offense listed in subdivision (4)(a)(i) or
 (ii) of this section; or

27 (iv) A felony violation of an offense of any other state or of the
 28 United States that is substantially equivalent to any offense listed in
 29 subdivision (4)(a)(i), (ii), or (iii) of this section;

30 (b) Serious bodily injury has the same meaning as in section 28-109;
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(c) Sexual contact and sexual penetration have the same meanings as
 in section 28-318.

3 Sec. 16. Section 29-2263, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
4 amended to read:

5 29-2263 (1)(a) (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this 6 section, when a court has sentenced an offender to probation, the court 7 shall specify the term of such probation which shall be not more than 8 five years upon conviction of a felony or second offense misdemeanor and 9 two years upon conviction of a first offense misdemeanor.

10 (b) At sentencing, the court shall provide notice to the offender that the offender may be eligible to have the conviction set aside as 11 provided in subsection (2) of section 29-2264 and shall provide 12 13 information on how to file such a petition. The State Court Administrator shall develop standardized advisement language and any forms necessary to 14 carry out this subdivision. The court, on application of a probation 15 officer or of the probationer or on its own motion, may discharge a 16 17 probationer at any time.

18 (2) When a court has sentenced an offender to post-release 19 supervision, the court shall specify the term of such post-release 20 supervision as provided in section 28-105. The court, on application of a 21 probation officer or of the probationer or on its own motion, may 22 discharge a probationer at any time.

(3) During the term of probation, the court on application of a probation officer or of the probationer, or its own motion, may modify or eliminate any of the conditions imposed on the probationer or add further conditions authorized by section 29-2262. This subsection does not preclude a probation officer from imposing administrative sanctions with the probationer's full knowledge and consent as authorized by sections 29-2266.01 and 29-2266.02.

30 (4)(a) (4) Upon completion of the term of probation, or the earlier 31 discharge of the probationer, the probationer shall be relieved of any

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obligations imposed by the order of the court and shall have satisfied
 the sentence for his or her crime.

(b) Upon satisfactory fulfillment of the conditions of probation for 3 the entire period or after discharge from probation prior to the 4 termination of the period of probation, a probation officer shall notify 5 the probationer that the probationer may be eligible to have the 6 7 conviction set aside as provided in subsection (2) of section 29-2264. The notice shall include an explanation of the requirements for a 8 9 conviction to be set aside, how to file for a conviction to be set aside, 10 and the effect of and limitations of having a conviction set aside and an advisement that the probationer consult with an attorney prior to filing 11 a petition. The State Court Administrator shall develop standardized 12 advisement language and any forms necessary to carry out this 13 14 subdivision.

(5) Whenever a probationer disappears or leaves the jurisdiction of the court without permission, the time during which he or she keeps his or her whereabouts hidden or remains away from the jurisdiction of the court shall be added to the original term of probation.

Sec. 17. Section 29-2269, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, isamended to read:

21 29-2269 Sections 29-2246 to 29-2269 <u>and sections 18 and 19 of this</u> 22 <u>act</u>shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Probation 23 Administration Act.

24 Sec. 18. <u>(1) The probation administrator shall create a pilot</u> 25 <u>program to hire additional assistant probation officers as provided in</u> 26 <u>this section.</u>

27 (2) The pilot program shall be limited to a single probation
 28 district. Such district shall be chosen by the State Court Administrator
 29 in consultation with the Commission on Public Advocacy and the Nebraska
 30 County Attorneys Association.

31 (3) Assistant probation officers hired under this section shall

assist probation officers in the supervision of high-risk caseloads. 1 (4) The purpose of the pilot program is to determine whether 2 additional support for probation officers results in probationers 3 completing their terms of probation with fewer violations. 4 (5) On or before June 1, 2023, the probation administrator shall 5 electronically submit a report to the Judiciary Committee of the 6 7 Legislature regarding the pilot program. (6) It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate XXX dollars 8 from the General Fund for FY2022-23 to the Office of Probation 9 10 Administration to carry out the pilot program. (1) The probation administrator shall create a pilot 11 Sec. 19. program to establish a probationer incentive program as provided in this 12 13 section. (2) The pilot program shall be limited to a single probation 14 district. Such district shall be chosen by the State Court Administrator. 15 (3) The pilot program shall establish a gift fund to be used for the 16 17 purchase of gift cards, vouchers, and other tangible rewards for probationers who are succeeding at probation, in order to encourage 18 continued success and reduce recidivism. The gifts shall be awarded at 19 the discretion of probation officers, subject to policies and guidelines 20 21 of the office. 22 (4) On or before June 1, 2023, the probation administrator shall electronically submit a report to the Judiciary Committee of the 23 24 Legislature regarding the pilot program. 25 (5) It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate XXX dollars from the General Fund for FY2022-23 to the Office of Probation 26 Administration to carry out the pilot program. 27 28 Sec. 20. Section 29-2281, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read: 29

30 29-2281 (1) To determine the amount of restitution, the court may 31 hold a hearing at the time of sentencing. The amount of restitution shall

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be based on the actual damages sustained by the victim and shall be 1 2 supported by evidence which shall become a part of the court record. The court shall consider the defendant's earning ability, employment status, 3 4 financial resources, and family or other legal obligations and shall 5 balance such considerations against the obligation to the victim. In considering the earning ability of a defendant who is sentenced to 6 7 imprisonment, the court may receive evidence of money anticipated to be earned by the defendant during incarceration. 8

9 <u>(2)</u> A person may not be granted or denied probation or parole either 10 solely or primarily due to his or her financial resources or ability or 11 inability to pay restitution.

12 (3) The court may order that restitution be made immediately, in 13 specified installments, or within a specified period of time not to 14 exceed five years after the date of judgment or defendant's final release 15 date from imprisonment, whichever is later.

16 <u>(4) If, in addition to restitution, a defendant is ordered to pay</u> 17 <u>fines and costs as part of the judgment and the defendant fails to pay</u> 18 <u>the full amount owed, funds shall first be applied to a restitution</u> 19 <u>obligation with the remainder applied towards fines and costs only when</u> 20 <u>the restitution obligation is satisfied in full.</u>

(5) Restitution payments shall be made through the clerk of the
 court ordering restitution. The clerk shall maintain a record of all
 receipts and disbursements.

24 Sec. 21. Section 29-3603, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 25 amended to read:

29-3603 A pretrial diversion plan for criminal offenses shall
 include, but not be limited to:

(1) Formal eligibility guidelines established following consultation
 with criminal justice officials and program representatives. <u>The</u>
 <u>eligibility guidelines shall not prohibit participation by a defendant</u>
 <u>charged with a Class IV felony if such defendant has no prior felony</u>

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1 convictions and has not previously completed a pretrial diversion program 2 for a felony. The quidelines shall be written and made available and routinely disseminated to all interested parties; 3

4 (2) A maximum time limit for any defendant's participation in a 5 diversion program, beyond which no defendant shall be required or permitted to participate. Such maximum term shall be long enough to 6 effect sufficient change in participants to deter them from criminal 7 activity, but not so long as to prejudice the prosecution or defense of 8 9 the case should the participant be returned to the ordinary course of prosecution; 10

(3) The opportunity for eligible defendants to review, with their 11 counsel present, a copy of general diversion program requirements 12 including average program duration and possible outcome, prior to making 13 the decision to enter a diversion program; 14

(4) Dismissal of the diverted case upon completion of the program; 15

16 (5) A provision that participants shall be able to withdraw at any 17 time before the program is completed and be remanded to the court process without prejudice to them during the ordinary course of prosecution; 18

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(6) Enrollment shall not be conditioned on a plea of guilty; and

(7) Defendants who are denied enrollment in a diversion program 20 shall be afforded an administrative review of the decision and written 21 22 reasons for denial.

Sec. 22. Section 47-706, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 23 24 amended to read:

25 47-706 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to ensure that human services agencies, correctional facilities, and detention facilities 26 recognize that: 27

28 (a) Federal law generally does not authorize federal financial participation for medicaid when a person is an inmate of a public 29 institution as defined in federal law but that federal financial 30 participation is available after inmate is released from 31 an

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1 incarceration; and

2 (b) The fact that an applicant is currently an inmate does not, in 3 and of itself, preclude the Department of Health and Human Services from 4 processing an application submitted to it by, or on behalf of, the 5 inmate.

6 (2)(a) Medical assistance under the medical assistance program shall
7 be suspended, rather than canceled or terminated, for a person who is an
8 inmate of a public institution if:

9 (i) The Department of Health and Human Services is notified of the 10 person's entry into the public institution;

(ii) On the date of entry, the person was enrolled in the medical
 assistance program; and

13 (iii) The person is eligible for the medical assistance program14 except for institutional status.

(b) A suspension under subdivision (2)(a) of this section shall end
on the date the person is no longer an inmate of a public institution.

(c) Upon release from incarceration, such person shall continue to be eligible for receipt of medical assistance until such time as the person is otherwise determined to no longer be eligible for the medical assistance program.

(3)(a) The Department of Correctional Services shall notify the
 Department of Health and Human Services:

(i) Within twenty days after receiving information that a person
receiving medical assistance under the medical assistance program is or
will be an inmate of a public institution; and

(ii) Within forty-five days prior to the release of a person who
qualified for suspension under subdivision (2)(a) of this section.

(b)(i) The Department of Correctional Services shall record the
 number of notifications it provides under this subsection to the
 Department of Health and Human Services and the number of individuals
 released from custody who are eligible for the medical assistance program

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1 who do not have the suspension under subdivision (2)(a) of this section
2 ended upon release from a public institution.

3 <u>(ii) The Department of Health and Human Services shall record the</u> 4 <u>number of suspensions under subdivision (2)(a) of this section that have</u> 5 <u>ended on the date a person is no longer an inmate of a public</u> 6 <u>institution.</u>

7 (C) (b) Local correctional facilities, juvenile detention facilities, and other temporary detention centers shall notify the 8 9 Department of Health and Human Services within ten days after receiving 10 information that a person receiving medical assistance under the medical assistance program is or will be an inmate of a public institution. 11

12 (4) Nothing in this section shall create a state-funded benefit or13 program.

14 (5) For purposes of this section, medical assistance program means
15 the medical assistance program under the Medical Assistance Act and the
16 State Children's Health Insurance Program.

(6) This section shall be implemented only if, and to the extent, allowed by federal law. This section shall be implemented only to the extent that any necessary federal approval of state plan amendments or other federal approvals are obtained. The Department of Health and Human Services shall seek such approval if required.

22 (7) Local correctional facilities, the Nebraska Commission on Law Criminal Justice, and the Office of 23 Enforcement and Probation 24 Administration shall cooperate with the Department of Health and Human 25 Services and the Department of Correctional Services for purposes of facilitating information sharing to achieve the purposes of this section. 26

(8)(a) The Department of Correctional Services shall adopt and
promulgate rules and regulations, in consultation with the Department of
Health and Human Services and local correctional facilities, to carry out
this section.

31 (b) The Department of Health and Human Services shall adopt and

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promulgate rules and regulations, in consultation with the Department of Correctional Services and local correctional facilities, to carry out this section.

4 Sec. 23. (1) The Legislature finds that while serious crime in the 5 State of Nebraska has not increased, the prison population continues to 6 increase as does the amount spent on correctional issues. The Legislature 7 further finds that a need exists to closely examine the criminal justice 8 system of the State of Nebraska in order to increase public safety while 9 concurrently reducing correctional spending and reinvesting in strategies 10 that decrease crime and strengthen Nebraska communities.

(2) The Justice Reinvestment Oversight Task Force is created. The
 task force shall evaluate implementation of the Nebraska Justice
 Reinvestment Initiative, this legislative bill, and related issues.

14 (3) The task force shall consist of the following ten members, who
 15 shall be selected or appointed no later than October 1, 2022:

16 (a) The chairperson of the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature,
 17 who shall serve as chairperson of the task force;

18 (b) Two other members of the Legislature selected by the Executive
 19 Board of the Legislative Council;

20 (c) Four members who are key criminal justice stakeholders appointed
 21 by the Governor; and

22 (d) Three members selected by the Chief Justice.

(4) The task force shall monitor and guide analysis and policy 23 24 development in all aspects of the criminal justice system in Nebraska 25 within the scope of the justice reinvestment initiative, including tracking implementation of evidence-based strategies as established in 26 27 Laws 2015, LB605, and this legislative bill, and reviewing policies to 28 improve public safety, reduce recidivism, and reduce spending on corrections in Nebraska. The task force shall monitor performance and 29 measure outcomes by collecting data from counties and relevant state 30 agencies for analysis and reporting. 31

1 (5) The task force shall prepare and submit an annual report of its 2 activities and findings and may make recommendations to improve any 3 aspect of the criminal justice system. The task force shall deliver the 4 report to the Governor, the Clerk of the Legislature, and the Chief 5 Justice by September 1, 2023, and by each September 1 thereafter. The 6 report to the Legislature shall be delivered electronically.

7 Sec. 24. Section 50-434, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is8 amended to read:

9 50-434 (1) The Legislature finds that while serious crime in the 10 State of Nebraska has not increased in the past five years, the prison population continues to increase as does the amount spent on correctional 11 issues. The Legislature further finds that a need exists to closely 12 13 examine the criminal justice system of the State of Nebraska in order to increase public safety while concurrently reducing correctional spending 14 and reinvesting in strategies that decrease crime and strengthen Nebraska 15 16 communities.

17 (2) It is the intent of the Legislature that the State of Nebraska work cooperatively with the Council of State Governments Justice Center 18 to study and identify innovative solutions and evidence-based practices 19 to develop a data-driven approach to reduce correctional spending and 20 reinvest savings in strategies that can decrease recidivism and increase 21 22 public safety and for the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of Nebraska state government to work with the Council of State 23 Governments Justice Center in this process. 24

(3) The Committee on Justice Reinvestment Oversight is created as a
special legislative committee to maintain continuous oversight of the
Nebraska Justice Reinvestment Initiative and related issues.

(4) The special legislative committee shall be comprised of five
 members of the Legislature selected by the Executive Board of the
 Legislative Council, including the chairperson of the Judiciary Committee
 of the Legislature who shall serve as chairperson of the special

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1 legislative committee.

2 (5) The Committee on Justice Reinvestment Oversight shall monitor and guide analysis and policy development in all aspects of the criminal 3 4 justice system in Nebraska within the scope of the justice reinvestment 5 including tracking implementation of evidence-based initiative, strategies as established in Laws 2015, LB605, and reviewing policies to 6 reduce recidivism, and reduce spending on 7 improve public safety, corrections in Nebraska. With assistance from the Council of State 8 9 Governments Justice Center, the committee shall monitor performance and measure outcomes by collecting data from counties and relevant state 10 agencies for analysis and reporting. 11

12 (6) The committee shall prepare and submit an annual report of its 13 activities and findings and may make recommendations to improve any 14 aspect of the criminal justice system. The committee shall deliver the 15 report to the Governor, the Clerk of the Legislature, and the Chief 16 Justice by September 1 of each year. The report to the clerk shall be 17 delivered electronically.

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(7) The committee shall terminate on September 30, 2022.

Sec. 25. Section 71-5661, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

71-5661 (1) The financial incentives provided by the Rural Health 21 22 Systems and Professional Incentive Act shall consist of (a) student loans to eligible students for attendance at an eligible school as determined 23 24 pursuant to section 71-5662, (b) the repayment of qualified educational 25 debts owed by physicians and psychiatrists in an approved medical specialty residency program in Nebraska as determined pursuant to section 26 71-5662, and (c) the repayment of qualified educational debts owed by 27 28 eligible health professionals as determined pursuant to section 71-5662. Funds for such incentives shall be appropriated from the General Fund to 29 the department for such purposes. 30

31 (2) The Rural Health Professional Incentive Fund is created. The

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1 fund shall be used to carry out the purposes of the act, except that 2 transfers may be made from the fund to the General Fund at the direction of the Legislature. Money credited pursuant to section 71-5670.01 and 3 4 payments received pursuant to sections 71-5666, 71-5668, and 71-5669.01 5 shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Rural Health Professional Incentive Fund. Any money in the fund available for 6 7 investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds 8 9 Investment Act.

Sec. 26. Section 71-5662, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

12 71-5662 (1) To be eligible for a student loan under the Rural Health 13 Systems and Professional Incentive Act, an applicant or a recipient shall 14 be enrolled or accepted for enrollment in an accredited medical or dental 15 education program or physician assistant education program or an approved 16 mental health practice program in Nebraska.

17 (2) To be eligible for the medical resident incentive under the act,
18 an applicant or a recipient shall be enrolled or accepted for enrollment
19 in an approved medical specialty residency program in Nebraska.

(3) To be eligible for loan repayment under the act, an applicant or 20 a recipient shall be a pharmacist, a dentist, a physical therapist, an 21 occupational therapist, a mental health practitioner, a psychologist 22 licensed under the requirements of section 38-3114 or the equivalent 23 24 thereof, a nurse practitioner, a physician assistant, <u>a psychiatrist</u>, or 25 a physician in an approved specialty and shall be licensed to practice in Nebraska, not be enrolled in a residency program, not be practicing under 26 a provisional or temporary license, and enter practice in a designated 27 health profession shortage area in Nebraska. 28

29 Sec. 27. Section 71-5663, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 30 amended to read:

31 71-5663 (1) The amount of financial assistance provided through

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1 student loans pursuant to the Rural Health Systems and Professional 2 Incentive Act shall be limited to thirty thousand dollars for each 3 recipient for each academic year and, except as provided in subdivision 4 (4)(a) of this section, shall not exceed one hundred twenty thousand 5 dollars per medical, dental, or doctorate-level mental health student or 6 thirty thousand dollars per master's level mental health or physician 7 assistant student.

8 (2) The amount of financial assistance provided through the medical 9 resident incentive program pursuant to the act shall be limited to forty 10 thousand dollars for each recipient for each year of residency and, 11 <u>except as provided in subdivision (4)(b) of this section</u>, shall not 12 exceed one hundred twenty thousand dollars.

13 (3) The amount of financial assistance provided by the state through loan repayments pursuant to the act (a) for physicians, psychiatrists, 14 dentists, and psychologists shall be limited to thirty thousand dollars 15 16 per recipient per year of full-time practice in a designated health 17 profession shortage area and, except as provided in subdivision (4)(c) of this section, shall not exceed ninety thousand dollars per recipient and 18 19 (b) for physician assistants, nurse practitioners, pharmacists, physical therapists, occupational therapists, and mental health practitioners 20 shall be limited to fifteen thousand dollars per recipient per year of 21 full-time practice in a designated health profession shortage area and, 22 23 except as provided in subdivision (4)(c) of this section, shall not 24 exceed forty-five thousand dollars per recipient.

(4)(a) The total amount of financial assistance provided through
 student loans for a doctorate-level mental health student or master's
 level mental health student shall be the full amount of such loans for a
 person who practices psychiatry, psychology, or mental health practice:

29 (i) For at least five years in a designated health profession
 30 shortage area; and

31 (ii) If all or a majority of such practice consists of the treatment

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| 1 | of members of the community supervision population. |
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| 2 | (b) The total amount of financial assistance provided through the |
| 3 | medical resident incentive program for a psychiatrist shall be the full |
| 4 | amount of such psychiatrists qualified educational debts if such person |
| 5 | practices psychiatry: |
| 6 | <u>(i) For at least five years in a designated health profession</u> |
| 7 | shortage area; and |
| 8 | <u>(ii) If all or a majority of such practice consists of the treatment</u> |
| 9 | of members of the community supervision population. |
| 10 | <u>(c) The total amount of financial assistance provided through loan</u> |
| 11 | repayments pursuant to the act for psychiatrists, psychologists, and |
| 12 | <u>mental health practitioners shall be the full amount of such person's</u> |
| 13 | <u>qualified educational debts if such person practices psychiatry,</u> |
| 14 | <u>psychology, or mental health practice:</u> |
| 15 | <u>(i) For at least five years in a designated health profession</u> |
| 16 | shortage area; and |
| 17 | <u>(ii) If all or a majority of such practice consists of the treatment</u> |
| 18 | of members of the community supervision population. |
| 19 | (5) For purposes of this section, community supervision population |
| 20 | means persons on probation, post-release supervision, and pretrial |
| 21 | <u>release.</u> |
| 22 | Sec. 28. Section 71-5665, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is |
| 23 | amended to read: |
| 24 | 71-5665 The commission shall periodically designate health |
| 25 | profession shortage areas within the state for the following professions: |
| 26 | Medicine and surgery, <u>psychiatry, p</u> hysician assistants' practice, nurse |
| 27 | practitioners' practice, psychology, and mental health practitioner's |
| 28 | practice. The commission shall also periodically designate separate |
| 29 | health profession shortage areas for each of the following professions: |
| 30 | Pharmacy, dentistry, physical therapy, and occupational therapy. In |
| 31 | making such designations the commission shall consider, after |
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consultation with other appropriate agencies concerned with health
 services and with appropriate professional organizations, among other
 factors:

4 (1) The latest reliable statistical data available regarding the 5 number of health professionals practicing in an area and the population 6 to be served by such practitioners;

(2) Inaccessibility of health care services to residents of an area;

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(3) Particular local health problems;

9 (4) Age or incapacity of local practitioners rendering services; and
10 (5) Demographic trends in an area both past and future.

Sec. 29. Section 71-5666, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

13 71-5666 Each student loan recipient shall execute an agreement with 14 the state. Such agreement shall be exempt from the requirements of 15 sections 73-501 to 73-510 and shall include the following terms, as 16 appropriate:

(1) The borrower agrees to practice the equivalent of one year of full-time practice of an approved specialty in a designated health profession shortage area in Nebraska for each year of education for which a loan is received, or a longer period as required in subdivision (4)(a) of section 71-5663, and agrees to accept medicaid patients in his or her practice;

23 (2) If the borrower practices an approved specialty in a designated 24 health profession shortage area in Nebraska, the loan shall be forgiven as provided in this section and subdivision (4)(a) of section 71-5663. 25 Practice in a designated area shall commence within three months of the 26 completion of formal education, which may include a period not to exceed 27 28 five years to complete specialty training in an approved specialty. The commission may approve exceptions to any period required for completion 29 of training upon showing good cause. Loan forgiveness shall occur on a 30 quarterly basis, with completion of the equivalent of three months of 31

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1 full-time practice resulting in the cancellation of one-fourth of the 2 annual loan amount. Part-time practice in a shortage area shall result in 3 a prorated reduction in the cancellation of the loan amount;

4 (3) If the borrower practices an approved specialty in Nebraska but 5 not in a designated health profession shortage area, practices a specialty other than an approved specialty in Nebraska, does not practice 6 7 the profession for which the loan was given, discontinues practice of the profession for which the loan was given, or practices outside Nebraska, 8 9 the borrower shall repay one hundred fifty percent of the outstanding loan principal with interest at a rate of eight percent simple interest 10 per year from the date of default. Such repayment shall commence within 11 six months of the completion of formal education, which may include a 12 13 period not to exceed five years to complete specialty training in an 14 approved specialty, and shall be completed within a period not to exceed twice the number of years for which loans were awarded; 15

(4) If a borrower who is a medical, dental, or doctorate-level 16 17 mental health student determines during the first or second year of medical, dental, or doctorate-level mental health education that his or 18 her commitment to the loan program cannot be honored, the borrower may 19 repay the outstanding loan principal, plus six percent simple interest 20 per year from the date the loan was granted, prior to graduation from 21 medical or dental school or a mental health practice program without 22 23 further penalty or obligation. Master's level mental health and physician 24 assistant student loan recipients shall not be eligible for this 25 provision;

(5) If the borrower discontinues the course of study for which the loan was granted, the borrower shall repay one hundred percent of the outstanding loan principal. Such repayment shall commence within six months of the date of discontinuation of the course of study and shall be completed within a period of time not to exceed the number of years for which loans were awarded;—and

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(6) Any practice or payment obligation incurred by the student loan
 recipient under the student loan program is canceled in the event of the
 student loan recipient's total and permanent disability or death; and -

4 (7) For a borrower seeking benefits under subdivision (4)(a) of
5 section 71-5663, the borrower agrees to such other terms as the
6 department deems appropriate.

Sec. 30. Section 71-5668, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, isamended to read:

9 71-5668 Each loan repayment recipient shall execute an agreement 10 with the department and a local entity. Such agreement shall be exempt 11 from the requirements of sections 73-501 to 73-510 and shall include, at 12 a minimum, the following terms:

(1) The loan repayment recipient agrees to practice his or her
profession, and a physician, <u>psychiatrist</u>, dentist, nurse practitioner,
or physician assistant also agrees to practice an approved specialty, in
a designated health profession shortage area for at least three years, or
<u>the period required by subdivision (4)(c) of section 71-5663</u>, and to
accept medicaid patients in his or her practice;

19 (2) In consideration of the agreement by the recipient, the State of Nebraska and a local entity within the designated health profession 20 shortage area will provide equal funding for the repayment of the 21 recipient's qualified educational debts, in amounts up to thirty thousand 22 dollars per year per recipient for physicians, <u>psychiatrists</u>, dentists, 23 24 and psychologists and up to fifteen thousand dollars per year per recipient for physician assistants, nurse practitioners, pharmacists, 25 physical therapists, occupational therapists, and 26 mental health practitioners toward qualified educational debts for up to three years or 27 28 a longer period as required by subdivision (4)(c) of section 71-5663. The department shall make payments directly to the recipient; 29

30 (3) If the loan repayment recipient discontinues practice in the
 31 shortage area prior to completion of the three-year requirement<u>or the</u>

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1 period required by subdivision (4)(c) of section 71-5663, as applicable, 2 the recipient shall repay to the state one hundred fifty percent of the total amount of funds provided to the recipient for loan repayment with 3 4 interest at a rate of eight percent simple interest per year from the 5 date of default. Upon repayment by the recipient to the department, the department shall reimburse the local entity its share of the funds which 6 shall not be more than the local entity's share paid to the loan 7 repayment recipient; and 8

9 (4) Any practice or payment obligation incurred by the loan 10 repayment recipient under the loan repayment program is canceled in the 11 event of the loan repayment recipient's total and permanent disability or 12 death; and \pm

13 (5) For a loan repayment recipient seeking benefits under
 14 subdivision (4)(c) of section 71-5663, the recipient agrees to such other
 15 terms as the department deems appropriate.

Sec. 31. Section 71-5669.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
is amended to read:

18 71-5669.01 Each medical resident incentive recipient shall execute 19 an agreement with the department. Such agreement shall be exempt from the 20 requirements of sections 73-501 to 73-510 and shall include, at a 21 minimum, the following terms:

(1) The medical resident incentive recipient agrees to practice an
approved medical specialty the equivalent of one year of full-time
practice in a designated health profession shortage area, or for a longer
period as required by subdivision (4)(b) of section 71-5663, and to
accept medicaid patients in his or her practice;

(2) In consideration of the agreement by the medical resident incentive recipient, the State of Nebraska will provide funding for the repayment of the recipient's qualified educational debts, in amounts up to forty thousand dollars per year for up to three years while in an approved medical specialty residency program in Nebraska, or for a longer

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period as required by subdivision (4)(b) of section 71-5663. The department shall make payments directly to the medical resident incentive recipient;

(3) If the medical resident incentive recipient extends his or her 4 5 residency training but not in an approved specialty, practices an approved specialty in Nebraska but not in a designated health profession 6 7 shortage area, practices a specialty other than an approved specialty in Nebraska, does not practice the profession for which the loan was given, 8 9 discontinues practice of the profession for which the loan was given, or practices outside Nebraska, the medical resident incentive recipient 10 shall repay to the state one hundred fifty percent of the outstanding 11 loan principal with interest at a rate of eight percent simple interest 12 13 per year from the date of default. Such repayment shall commence within six months of the completion or discontinuation of an approved specialty 14 residency training in Nebraska and shall be completed within a period not 15 16 to exceed twice the number of years for which the medical resident 17 incentive recipient received awards; and

(4) Any practice or payment obligation incurred by the medical
resident incentive recipient under the medical resident incentive program
is canceled in the event of the medical resident incentive recipient's
total and permanent disability or death; and -

(5) For a medical resident incentive recipient seeking benefits
 under subdivision (4)(b) of section 71-5663, the recipient agrees to such
 other terms as the department deems appropriate.

Sec. 32. Section 83-1,100.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative
Supplement, 2020, is amended to read:

27 83-1,100.02 (1) For purposes of this section:

(a) Levels of supervision means the determination of the followingfor each person on parole:

30 (i) Supervision contact requirements, including the frequency,
31 location, methods, and nature of contact with the parole officer;

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1 (ii) Substance abuse testing requirements and frequency;

2 (iii) Contact restrictions;

3 (iv) Curfew restrictions;

4 (v) Access to available programs and treatment, with priority given
5 to moderate-risk and high-risk parolees; and

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6 (vi) Severity of graduated responses to violations of supervision
7 conditions; and

8 <u>(b) Responsivity factors means characteristics of a parolee that</u> 9 <u>affect the parolee's ability to respond favorably or unfavorably to any</u> 10 <u>treatment goals; and</u>

11 (c) (b) Risk and needs assessment means an actuarial tool that has 12 been validated in Nebraska to determine the likelihood of the parolee 13 engaging in future criminal behavior.

14 (2) The Division of Parole Supervision shall establish an evidence15 based process that utilizes a risk and needs assessment to measure
16 criminal risk factors, and specific individual needs, and responsivity
17 <u>factors</u>.

18 (3) The risk and needs assessment shall be performed at the 19 commencement of the parole term and every six months thereafter by 20 division staff trained and certified in the use of the risk and needs 21 assessment.

(4) The validity of the risk and needs assessment shall be tested atleast every five years.

(5) Based on the results of the risk and needs assessment, the
division shall target parolee criminal risk and need factors by focusing
sanction, program, and treatment resources on moderate-risk and high-risk
parolees.

(6) The division shall provide training to its parole officers on
(a) use of a risk and needs assessment, (b) risk-based supervision
strategies, (c) relationship skills, (d) cognitive behavioral
interventions, (e) community-based resources, (f) criminal risk factors,

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(g) targeting criminal risk factors to reduce recidivism, (h) and proper 1 2 use of a matrix of administrative sanctions, custodial sanctions, (i) addressing responsivity factors, and (j) rewards developed pursuant to 3 section 83-1,119. All parole officers employed on August 30, 2015, shall 4 complete the training requirements set forth in this subsection on or 5 6 before January 1, 2017. Each parole officer hired on or after August 30, 7 $\frac{2015}{10}$ shall complete the training requirements set forth in this subsection within one year after his or her hire date or one year after 8 9 the effective date of this act, whichever is later.

10 (7) The division shall provide training for chief parole officers to
11 become trainers so as to ensure long-term and self-sufficient training
12 capacity in the state.

Sec. 33. Section 83-1,110, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

15 83-1,110 (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) and (3) of this
 16 section, every Every committed offender shall be eligible for parole:

17 (a) For an offender sentenced to a minimum of less than five years,
 18 upon serving when the offender has served one-half the minimum term of
 19 the offender's his or her sentence as provided in sections 83-1,107 and
 20 83-1,108; or -

21 (b) For an offender sentenced to a minimum of five years or more, 22 upon the earlier of:

23 (i) Serving one-half of the minimum term of the offender's sentence
24 as provided in sections 83-1,107 and 83-1,108; or

(ii) Two years prior to the offender's mandatory discharge date The board shall conduct a parole review not later than sixty days prior to the date a committed offender becomes eligible for parole as provided in this subsection, except that if a committed offender is eligible for parole upon his or her commitment to the department, a parole review shall occur as early as is practical. No such reduction of sentence shall be applied to any sentence imposing a mandatory minimum term. 1 (2)(a) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, every
2 (2) Every committed offender sentenced to consecutive terms, whether
3 received at the same time or at any time during the original sentence,
4 shall be eligible for release on parole:

5 (i) For an offender sentenced to a total minimum term of less than 6 five years, upon serving when the offender has served the total of one-7 half of the minimum term as provided in sections 83-1,107 and 83-1,108; 8 or -

9 <u>(ii) For an offender sentenced to a total minimum of five years or</u> 10 more, upon the earlier of:

(A) Serving the total of one-half of the minimum term as provided in
 sections 83-1,107 and 83-1,108; or

13 (B) Two years prior to the offender's mandatory discharge date.

14 (b) The maximum terms shall be added to compute the new maximum term 15 which, less good time, shall determine the date when discharge from the 16 custody of the state becomes mandatory.

17 (3) A committed offender serving a sentence with one or more
 18 mandatory minimum terms imposed on or after the effective date of this
 19 act shall be eligible for parole upon the later of:

20 (a) Serving all such mandatory minimum terms; or

(b) Serving one-half of the maximum term of the offender's sentence
 as provided in sections 83-1,107 and 83-1,108.

(4) The board shall conduct a parole review not later than sixty
days prior to the date a committed offender becomes eligible for parole
as provided in this section, except that if a committed offender is
eligible for parole upon the offender's commitment to the department, a
parole review shall occur as early as is practical.

Sec. 34. Section 83-1,111, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2020, is amended to read:

30 83-1,111 (1)(a) (1) A committed offender serving an indeterminate
 31 sentence under which he or she may become eligible for parole shall be

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interviewed and have his or her record reviewed by two or more members of the <u>board Board of Parole</u> or a person designated by the board <u>by the</u> <u>deadline</u> within sixty days before the expiration of his or her minimum term less any reductions as provided in section 83-1,110.

5 (b) If the committed offender is a qualified offender as defined in
6 section 35 of this act, the committed offender shall enter into a
7 streamlined parole contract as provided in such section.

(2) If the committed offender is a qualified offender, the review 8 9 shall be limited to verifying that the committed offender is a qualified 10 offender and whether the committed offender has already fulfilled the streamlined parole contract. If the committed offender has not yet 11 fulfilled the streamlined parole contract, a subsequent review hearing 12 13 shall be set for the date the committed offender will fulfill the streamlined parole contract, assuming the committed offender will meet 14 the requirements of subsection (3) of section 35 of this act. 15

16 (3)(a) This subsection applies if the committed offender is not a 17 gualified offender or has been found at a review under subsection (2) of this section to have not fulfilled the terms of the streamlined parole 18 19 contract. If, in the opinion of the reviewers, the review indicates the offender is reasonably likely to be granted parole and has a potential 20 parole term of no less than one month, the board Board of Parole shall 21 schedule a public hearing before a majority of its members. At such 22 hearing the offender may present evidence, call witnesses, and be 23 24 represented by counsel. If, in the opinion of the reviewers, the review 25 indicates the offender should be denied parole, the offender may request an additional review by a majority of the members of the board. A review 26 by the majority of the members of the board may be conducted not more 27 than once annually. Any hearing and review shall be conducted in an 28 informal manner, but a complete record of the proceedings shall be made 29 and preserved. 30

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(b) (2) The board shall render its decision regarding the committed

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1 offender's release on parole within a reasonable time after the hearing 2 or review. The decision shall be by majority vote of the board. The decision shall be based on the entire record before the board which shall 3 4 include the opinion of the person who conducted the review. If the board 5 denies parole, written notification listing the reasons for such denial and the recommendations for correcting deficiencies which cause the 6 7 denial shall be given to the committed offender within thirty days following the hearing. 8

9 <u>(c)</u> (3) If the board fixes the release date, such date shall be not 10 more than six months from the date of the committed offender's parole 11 hearing or from the date of last reconsideration of his or her case, 12 unless there are special reasons for fixing a later release date.

13 (d) (4) If the board defers the case for later reconsideration, the 14 committed offender shall be afforded a parole review at least once a year 15 until a release date is fixed. The board may order a reconsideration or a 16 rehearing of the case at any time.

17 <u>(4)</u> (5) The release of a committed offender on parole shall not be 18 upon the application of the offender but by the initiative of the Board 19 of Parole. No application for release on parole made by a committed 20 offender or on his or her behalf shall be entertained by the board. This 21 subsection does not prohibit the Director of Correctional Services from 22 recommending to the board that it consider an individual offender for 23 release on parole.

Sec. 35. <u>(1) A qualified offender serving a sentence imposed prior</u> to the effective date of this act who has not yet received a review from the board shall, at the review, enter into a streamlined parole contract under this section.

(2) A qualified offender serving a sentence imposed on or after the
 effective date of this act shall, at the qualified offender's first
 review from the board, enter into a streamlined parole contract under
 this section.

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(3) Under a streamlined parole contract, a qualified offender shall 1 2 be released on parole on the qualified offender's eligibility date, 3 without a hearing before the board, if: (a) In the twenty-four-month period prior to the parole eligibility 4 date, the qualified offender has not committed a Class I offense under 5 6 the department's disciplinary code; and 7 (b) The qualified offender has completed all diagnostic evaluations provided by the department and any programming or treatment required by 8 9 the department for substance abuse, sex offenses, and violence reduction. 10 (4) If a qualified offender does not meet the requirements of subsection (3) of this section, the board shall consider the offender's 11 parole eligibility as provided for nongualified offenders under section 12 13 83-1,111. (5) For purposes of this section: 14 (a) Qualified offender means a committed offender who is serving an 15 indeterminate sentence under which the committed offender may become 16 17 eligible for parole and who is not serving a sentence for a violent 18 felony; (b) Serious bodily injury has the same meaning as in section 28-109; 19 (c) Sexual contact and sexual penetration have the same meaning as 20 in section 28-318; and 21 22 (d) Violent felony means an offense which is a Class IIIA felony or 23 <u>higher and:</u> 24 (i) Which includes, as an element of the offense: 25 (A) Sexual contact or sexual penetration; (B) The threat to inflict serious bodily injury or death on another 26 27 person, the infliction of serious bodily injury on another person, or causing the death of another person; or 28 (C) The use of physical force against another person; or 29 (ii) Which consists of attempt, conspiracy, being an accessory to, 30 or aiding and abetting a felony with any of the offenses described in 31

1 <u>subdivision (5)(d)(i) of this section as the underlying offense.</u>

Sec. 36. (1) A committed offender may be eligible for geriatric
parole if the committed offender:

4 (a) Is not serving a sentence for a Class I or IA felony or
5 otherwise serving a sentence of life imprisonment;

6 (b) Is seventy years of age or older; and

7 (c) Has served at least ten years of the sentence for which
 8 currently incarcerated.

9 (2) A committed offender may be eligible for geriatric parole in
 10 addition to any other parole. The department shall identify committed
 11 offenders who may be eligible for geriatric parole.

12 (3) The board shall decide to grant geriatric parole only after a
 13 review of the decision guidelines as set forth in the board's rules and
 14 regulations and the factors set forth in section 83-1,114.

15 (4) The parole term of a geriatric parolee shall be for the
 16 remainder of the parolee's sentence as reduced by any adjustment for good
 17 conduct pursuant to the Nebraska Treatment and Corrections Act.

Sec. 37. Section 83-1,114, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2020, is amended to read:

20 83-1,114 (1) Whenever the board considers the release of a committed 21 offender who is eligible for release on parole, it shall order his or her 22 release unless it is of the opinion that his or her release should be 23 deferred because:

(a) There is a substantial risk that he or she will not conform tothe conditions of parole;

(b) His or her release would depreciate the seriousness of his or
her crime or promote disrespect for law;

(c) His or her release would have a substantially adverse effect on
 institutional discipline; or

30 (d) His or her continued correctional treatment, medical care, or
 31 vocational or other training in the facility will substantially enhance

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his or her capacity to lead a law-abiding life when released at a later 1 2 date. (2) In making its determination regarding a committed offender's 3 4 release on parole, the board shall give consideration to the its decision 5 guidelines as set forth in its rules and regulations and shall take into 6 account each of the following factors: 7 (a) The offender's personality, including his or her maturity, stability, and sense of responsibility and any apparent development in 8 9 his or her personality which may promote or hinder his or her conformity 10 to law; (a) (b) The adequacy of the offender's parole plan, including 11 sufficiency of residence, employment history, and employability; 12 13 (c) The offender's ability and readiness to assume obligations and undertake responsibilities; 14 15 (d) The offender's intelligence and training; 16 (e) The offender's family status and whether he or she has relatives who display an interest in him or her or whether he or she has other 17 18 close and constructive associations in the community; (f) The offender's employment history, his or her occupational 19 skills, and the stability of his or her past employment; 20 21 (g) The type of residence, neighborhood, or community in which the 22 offender plans to live; (h) The offender's past use of narcotics or past habitual and 23 24 excessive use of alcohol; 25 (i) The offender's mental or physical makeup, including any disability or handicap which may affect his or her conformity to law; 26 27 (b) (j) The offender's prior criminal record, including the nature and circumstances, dates, and frequency of previous offenses; 28 29 (k) The offender's attitude toward law and authority; 30 (1) The offender's conduct in the facility, including particularly whether he or she has taken advantage of the opportunities for self-31

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improvement, whether he or she has been punished for misconduct within 1 2 six months prior to his or her hearing or reconsideration for parole 3 release, whether any reductions of term have been forfeited, and whether 4 such reductions have been restored at the time of hearing or 5 reconsideration; (c) (m) The offender's institutional behavior and attitude during 6 7 any previous experience of probation or parole and how recent such 8 experience is; 9 (d) The offender's previous experience on parole and how recent such 10 experience is; (e) Whether the offender has completed a (n) The risk and needs 11 12 assessment completed pursuant to section 83-192; and 13 (f) Any testimony or written statement by a victim as provided in section 81-1848. 14 15 (o) Any other factors the board determines to be relevant. Sec. 38. (1) The Division of Parole Supervision and the department 16 17 shall create a pilot program to establish a technical parole violation residential housing program. The purpose of the program is to provide 18 19 accountability and intensive support for individuals on parole who commit technical violations, without revoking them fully back to prison. 20 21 (2) The pilot program shall be located within one or more facilities 22 designated by the Director of Correctional Services. The program shall provide a structured environment for selected individuals on parole who 23 24 have committed technical violations. The program shall be based upon a 25 therapeutic community model. Participants in the program shall, at a minimum, be required to take part in counseling, educational, and other 26 27 programs as the department deems appropriate, to provide community 28 service, and to submit to drug and alcohol screening. 29 (3) An individual on parole shall not be placed in the pilot program 30 until the Division of Parole Supervision has determined the individual is

a suitable candidate in accordance with policies and guidelines developed

by the division.
(4) On or before June 1, 2023, the Division of Parole Supervision
shall electronically submit a report to the Judiciary Committee of the
Legislature regarding the pilot program. The report shall evaluate
effects of the pilot program on recidivism and make recommendations
regarding expansion of or changes to the program.
(5) It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate XXX dollars

8 from the General Fund for FY2022-23 to the Division of Parole Supervision
9 to carry out the pilot program.

10 (6) For purposes of this section, technical violation has the same 11 meaning as in section 83-1,119.

Sec. 39. Section 83-1,135, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2020, is amended to read:

14 83-1,135 Sections 83-170 to 83-1,135.05 and sections 35, 36, and 38
 15 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Treatment and
 16 Corrections Act.

Sec. 40. Section 83-1,135.02, Revised Statutes CumulativeSupplement, 2020, is amended to read:

19 83-1,135.02 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature that the changes 20 made to the Nebraska Treatment and Corrections Act by Laws 2003, LB 46, 21 with respect to parole eligibility apply to all committed offenders under 22 sentence and not on parole on May 24, 2003, and to all persons sentenced 23 on and after such date.

(2) It is the intent of the Legislature that the changes made to
sections 29-2262, 29-2266, 29-2281, 83-182.01, 83-183, 83-183.01, 83-184,
83-1,119, and 83-1,122 by Laws 2015, LB605, and sections 83-184.01,
83-1,100.02, and 83-1,100.03 apply to all committed offenders under
sentence, on parole, or on probation on August 30, 2015, and to all
persons sentenced on and after such date.

30 (3) It is the intent of the Legislature that the changes made to
31 sections 28-105, 29-2204.02, 29-2260, 29-2262, 29-2263, 29-2266, 29-2267,

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1 29-2268, 47-401, 47-502, 83-187, 83-1,119, 83-1,122, and 83-1,122.01 by 2 Laws 2016, LB1094, and sections 29-2266.01 to 29-2266.03 and 83-1,135.03 3 apply to all committed offenders under sentence, on parole, or on 4 probation on or after April 20, 2016, and to all persons sentenced on and 5 after such date.

6 (4) It is the intent of the Legislature that the changes made to 7 sections 83-1,110.02 and 83-1,122.01 by Laws 2018, LB841, apply to all 8 committed offenders under sentence or on parole on or after July 19, 9 2018, and to all persons sentenced on and after such date.

10 (5) Except as otherwise provided in sections 83-1,110, 83-1,111, and 11 83-1,114 and section 35 of this act, it is the intent of the Legislature 12 that the changes made to sections 83-1,110, 83-1,111, and 83-1,114 and 13 section 35 of this act by this legislative bill, apply to all committed 14 offenders under sentence or on parole on or after the effective date of 15 this act, and to all persons sentenced on and after such date.

16 Original sections 24-1302, 28-116, 28-507, 28-518, Sec. 41. 17 29-2204.02, 29-2221, 29-2263, 29-2269, 29-2281, 29-3603, 47-706, 50-434, 71-5661, 71-5662, 71-5663, 71-5665, 71-5666, 71-5668, 71-5669.01, and 18 83-1,110, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-101, 19 28-1351, 28-1354, 29-2204, 83-1,100.02, 20 28-105, 28-416, 83-1,111, 83-1,114, 83-1,135, and 83-1,135.02, Revised Statutes 21 Cumulative 22 Supplement, 2020, are repealed.

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