

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA  
ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 985**

Introduced by Linehan, 39.

Read first time January 05, 2024

Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Teacher Recruitment and
- 2 Retention Act; to amend section 79-8,114, Revised Statutes
- 3 Supplement, 2023; to change provisions relating to grant
- 4 eligibility; to repeal the original section; and to declare an
- 5 emergency.
- 6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 79-8,114, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, is  
2 amended to read:

3 79-8,114 (1) A teacher may apply to the department for a grant. The  
4 department shall not prioritize a grant based upon the school where the  
5 applicant teaches.

6 (2) A teacher is eligible to apply for:

7 (a) A retention one grant of two thousand five hundred dollars if  
8 the teacher has signed a contract to complete such teacher's second  
9 complete school year of full-time employment as a teacher at a Nebraska  
10 school in school year 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26, or 2026-27;

11 (b) A retention two grant of two thousand five hundred dollars if  
12 the teacher has signed a contract to complete such teacher's fourth  
13 complete school year of full-time employment as a teacher at a Nebraska  
14 school in school year 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26, or 2026-27;

15 (c) A retention three grant of two thousand five hundred dollars if  
16 the teacher has signed a contract to complete such teacher's sixth  
17 complete school year of full-time employment as a teacher at a Nebraska  
18 school in school year 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26, or 2026-27; and

19 (d)(i) A high-need retention grant of five thousand dollars if on or  
20 after June 2, 2023, a teacher:

21 (A) Obtains an endorsement in special education, mathematics,  
22 science, technology, or dual credit; and

23 (B)(I) For an application submitted prior to the effective date of  
24 this act, signs ~~(B) Signs~~ a contract to complete a school year of full-  
25 time employment as a teacher at a Nebraska school in school year 2024-25,  
26 2025-26, or 2026-27; or -

27 (II) For an application submitted on or after the effective date of  
28 this act, signs a contract to complete a school year of full-time  
29 employment as a teacher to teach in such endorsement area at a Nebraska  
30 school in school year 2024-25, 2025-26, or 2026-27.

31 (ii) A teacher shall only be eligible to receive one high-need

1 retention grant.

2       Sec. 2. Original section 79-8,114, Revised Statutes Supplement,  
3 2023, is repealed.

4       Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when  
5 passed and approved according to law.