LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE BILL 655

Introduced by Murante, 49. Read first time January 18, 2017 Committee:

| 1 | A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to state government; to amend section 81-1108, |
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| 2 | Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to authorize state employees |
| 3 | to participate in volunteer work at public elementary, middle, and |
| 4 | high schools and certain nonprofit organizations during work hours; |
| 5 | and to repeal the original section. |
| 6 | Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska, |

| 1 | Section 1. <u>(1) The Director of Administrative Services may permit a</u> |
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| 2 | state employee, with the authorization of his or her supervisor, to |
| 3 | participate in volunteer activities at a public elementary, middle, or |
| 4 | high school, or a nonprofit organization that focuses on such education, |
| 5 | during normal work hours, without loss of pay, vacation time, sick leave, |
| 6 | or earned overtime accumulation. The director may adopt and promulgate |
| 7 | rules and regulations as necessary regarding such activities. |

(2) For purposes of this section, state employee means any employee 8 of the state or of any state agency, specifically including all 9 administrative, professional, academic, and other personnel of the 10 University of Nebraska, the state colleges, and the State Department of 11 Education, but excluding any employee or officer of the state whose 12 13 salary is set by the Constitution of Nebraska or by statute. An employee of any local government or entity, including any entity created pursuant 14 to the Interlocal Cooperation Act or the Joint Public Agency Act, shall 15 16 not be considered a state employee for purposes of this section.

Sec. 2. Section 81-1108, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, isamended to read:

19 81-1108 The Department of Administrative Services shall fulfill the functions in the administration of state government of fiscal control, of 20 centralizing services, of personnel services, and of risk management. 21 22 There shall be separate divisions within the department to assist in 23 fulfilling these functions. The divisions shall be the accounting 24 division and the budget division in the area of fiscal control, the 25 information management services division, materiel division, state building division, and division of communications in the area of 26 centralized services, the personnel division and the Division of Employee 27 28 Relations in the area of personnel services, and the risk management and 29 state claims division in the area of risk management. The Director of Administrative Services shall appoint a separate administrator as head of 30 31 each division other than the Division of Employee Relations, the division

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1 of communications, and the information management services division. The director shall have the responsibility and authority for directing and 2 coordinating the programs and activities of the several divisions and 3 shall be empowered to remove the administrators of any of the several 4 divisions other than the Chief Negotiator at his or her discretion. The 5 6 director shall have the power to delegate authority for administration of 7 sections 81-1101 to 81-1189 and 81-1301 to 81-1391 and section 1 of this 8 act and the Risk Management Program to any of the division heads as he or she may deem appropriate except as otherwise provided by law. 9

10 Sec. 3. Original section 81-1108, Reissue Revised Statutes of 11 Nebraska, is repealed.