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PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM RATIONALE

TO: Matthew L. Blomstedt, Ph.D.
Commissioner of Education

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PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM: Grant the Commissioner the authority to contract with the Environment Rating Scales Institute (ERSI) to provide reliability training.

RATIONALE/BACKGROUND INFORMATION: ERSI is the sole source provider of training on the family of Environment Rating Scales that Nebraska uses for program quality assessments in both the Results Matter; Child, Program, and Family Outcomes Initiative, as well as Step Up to Quality; quality rating and improvement program. ERSI staff are the authors of these program quality scales and their staff provide training so that states (like Nebraska) can ensure that individuals using one of these scales does so correctly and with a high level of reliability.

ESTIMATED COST: \$50,280