



**PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM RATIONALE**

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Commissioner of Education

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**PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM:**

Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve a contract with Autism Center Inc. to provide supported employment services to assist individuals with autism in securing employment in the Lincoln area.

**RATIONALE/BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Autism Center Inc. currently provides supported employment services to individuals with autism in the Omaha area. This program will replicate those services for individuals with disabilities in the Lincoln area.

**ESTIMATED COST:**

\$46,250