

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 227

Introduced by Harr, 8.

PURPOSE: Youth apprenticeships integrate school-based and work-based learning to instruct high school students in employability and occupational skills through local industries. Youth apprenticeships are school-to-work programs that coordinate high school student learning and training in the classroom and at a worksite using business-developed, state standardized worksite skills. These programs provide employers the opportunity to shape the quality of their local workforce, benefiting the local community, while also having direct access to a group of skilled workers to help grow their business. These programs also benefit students as they develop skills in industries including, but not limited to, manufacturing, finance, engineering, information technology, and health care.

The purpose of this resolution is to examine opportunities to train Nebraska's youth for the workforce while addressing both educational and workforce needs. The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:

- (1) Current labor market information to identify occupational demands;
- (2) Agencies, schools, community colleges, or employers that may offer a youth apprenticeship program;
- (3) Similar programs in other states; and
- (4) Federal and state labor laws to ensure compliance with child labor laws.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Business and Labor Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this

resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.