

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 15

Introduced by Pansing Brooks, 28.

WHEREAS, according to the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and local chambers of commerce across the state, workforce development is the top concern of business leaders today; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska continually has one of the lowest unemployment rates in the nation, which presents unique challenges for Nebraska businesses looking to attract and retain skilled workers.

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

1. That the Executive Board of the Legislative Council appoint a special committee of the Legislature to be known as the Workforce Development Committee of the Legislature. The committee shall consist of ten members of the Legislature appointed by the Executive Board with two members from the Appropriations Committee, two members from the Revenue Committee, two members from the Business and Labor Committee, two members from the Education Committee, and two members from the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. The committee members shall elect a chairperson and meet at the call of the chairperson. The Executive Board shall provide the committee with a legal counsel, committee clerk, and other staff as required by the committee from existing legislative staff.

2. The Workforce Development Committee of the Legislature is hereby authorized to study (a) incentives to promote the creation and retention of workers in the state, including, but not limited to, transportation, housing, and civic vitality, (b) initiatives necessary for the recruitment and retention of people in specific communities, including veterans and college graduates, (c) college loan forgiveness as a tool to recruit and retain young people, and

(d) the role workforce issues play in incentivizing employers to create and keep jobs in Nebraska. The committee shall issue a report electronically with its findings and recommendations to the Executive Board of the Legislative Council on or before December 31, 2019. The Workforce Development Committee of the Legislature shall terminate on December 31, 2019.