

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 366

Introduced by Wishart, 27.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to survey and examine at least three of the current certified community behavioral health clinics established through the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's demonstration program in order to provide additional information on the impact of the implementation of such clinics on the current mental health and substance use treatment system in Nebraska. Such clinics have been established in 42 states across the country to expand access to care and improve coordination with law enforcement, the legal system, and schools. The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of:

(1) The need for accessible care in each area served by the current clinics and how implementation of the new model has impacted that need and waitlists for services;

(2) The impact of clinics on individuals with co-occurring mental health conditions;

(3) The effect of increased access to initial services;

(4) The effect of efficient and timely transitioning between levels of care such as the transition from residential facilities to community-based care management and support;

(5) The effect of reductions in high emergency department utilizers with at least one psychiatric condition;

(6) How partnerships with other agencies and resources supports reduction in law enforcement interactions and avoids need for hospitalization;

(7) How implementation of the clinic model in the state medical assistance program system would increase Nebraska's behavioral health workforce and provide detailed data on impact to the system; and

(8) Best practices and essential elements in choosing a type of prospective payment system.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services 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.