

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 367

Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine home visitation for families in Nebraska. Home visitation is a prevention strategy used to support pregnant moms and new parents which promotes infant and child health, fosters educational development and school readiness, and prevents abuse and neglect. This study shall assess the status of home visitation in the state of Nebraska and explore ways to expand programming to more families. This study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) A collection of existing data on the type and location of home visitation programs available in Nebraska and to what extent each program aligns with evidence-based or evidence-informed approaches, including training or professional credentials required for each program model;

(2) A review of the number of parents and children impacted by home visitation, as well as eligibility criteria, target populations, outcome measures, if available, and consideration of wait lists for programs and referral sources, if applicable;

(3) An examination of existing federal, state, and local funding sources for home visitation in the State of Nebraska, including, but not limited to:

- (a) Department of Health and Human Services funds;
- (b) State Department of Education funds;
- (c) Head Start funds;
- (d) Private funds;
- (e) Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visitation program funds;
- (f) Temporary Assistance for Needy Families funds;
- (g) Medicaid funds;
- (h) Family First Prevention Services Act funds; and

(i) State of Nebraska General Funds;

(4) A review of potential statutory or administrative changes that would support current models or establish new models of home visitation in Nebraska, a consideration of the status of home visitation in other states, and the potential for home visitation to meet work requirements in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program; and

(5) A determination of whether additional state funding is needed to increase development and access to home visitation.

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.