

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 438

Introduced by Health and Human Services Committee: Arch, 14, Chairperson; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Day, 49; Hansen, B., 16; Murman, 38; Walz, 15; Williams, 36.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to identify potential policy changes for improving communication and sharing of case-specific information among the various state and local government agencies responsible for the care, custody, treatment, and rehabilitation of youth in Nebraska, including, but not limited to, youth involved in the child welfare system and youth committed to the youth rehabilitation and treatment centers. The sharing of information related to the past treatment, interventions, programming, and support of youth may improve efficiency in treating youth who transition from the care of one agency to another agency and improve outcomes for youth.

The study should include, but not be limited to, an examination of:

(1) The opportunities for sharing case information between and among state and local government agencies involved in the treatment, rehabilitation, and education of youth in the state's care and custody; and

(2) The barriers to sharing case information between and among the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Correctional Services, the Office of Probation Administration, the State Department of Education, and juvenile detention facilities.

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.