

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 151

Introduced by DeBoer, 10; Day, 49.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the results of the Nebraska Child Care Cost Model developed as a product of the Preschool Development Grant. The Nebraska Child Care Cost Model is a tool for answering questions about the cost of providing child care in Nebraska based on multiple data points specific to the child care landscape and cost drivers of Nebraska. This study shall include, but need not be limited to:

(1) A review of the development process to create the Nebraska Child Care cost Model;

(2) An examination of the relationship between the cost of providing child care and the revenue available to cover those expenses while meeting state licensing standards;

(3) An analysis of the factors associated with variations in the costs of providing care, including, but not limited to, age of the children, program type, geographic location, increases in the quality of care related to the Step Up To Quality Child Care Act, and compensation of staff;

(4) A review of the regulatory and statutorily permitted uses of cost models under the Child Care Development Block Grant compared to sections 43-536, 68-1206, and 71-1961 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes;

(5) A review of utilization of cost models in other states for child care subsidy programs, quality rating and improvement systems, and other approved uses; and

(6) Recommendations for the infrastructure and oversight needed for sustainability and continued utilization of the Nebraska Child Care Cost Model.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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.