

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 191

Introduced by Ibach, 44; Hughes, 24; Kauth, 31.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the process for conducting the statutorily required fingerprint-based national criminal history record information check for the childhood care workforce pursuant to section 71-1912.

To identify potential issues and accompanying solutions, this study shall include, but need not be limited to:

(1) An evaluation of the information check process at both the Department of Health and Human Services and the Nebraska State Patrol, including:

(a) The timeline for completion of the information check process;

(b) Any obstacles to the information check process that can cause delays;

and

(c) Any recent improvements made to expedite the information check process;

(2) A review of federal regulations and programs that could be utilized to streamline the information check process;

(3) A review of state statutes and regulations to identify opportunities to improve the efficiency of the information check process while remaining in compliance with federal regulations;

(4) An evaluation of how the timeframe to complete the information checks impacts the ability of facilities to meet the required staff-to-child ratios and whether this impact causes disruptions to classroom or program operations; and

(5) An examination of practices in other states that could help improve the efficiency of the information check process.

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.