

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 423

Introduced by Hansen, 16.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine child care providers in the state and the shortage of child care options in rural Nebraska. With the overwhelming request from parents for more access to child care options, this study is intended to find what hinders private providers from being able to serve in rural Nebraska and consider what barriers could be removed. The licensing procedures for child care providers should be processes that allow for capable, safe, and trusted members of rural communities to care for children.

This study may include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:

- (1) Staff-to-child ratios of child care providers;
- (2) State statutes, rules, and regulations relating to child care;
- (3) Staff shortages for child care providers;
- (4) Inspection procedures for child care providers;
- (5) The number of child care facilities in rural areas in Nebraska; and
- (6) A comparison of Nebraska laws relating to child care with the laws of other states relating to child care.

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