

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 145

Introduced by Conrad, 46; Blood, 3; DeBoer, 10; Hughes, 24; Ibach, 44;
Raybould, 28; Walz, 15.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to explore the role of both the State of Nebraska and individual school districts in finding solutions to address the impact of the inability to afford menstrual products, often called "period poverty", among students.

Period poverty can adversely affect an individual's health and wellbeing. Period poverty exacerbates the cycle of poverty by further marginalizing girls and women, causing them to miss educational opportunities.

Several states have sought to address these negative impacts by enacting legislation requiring local school districts to provide free menstrual products in schools. Nebraska has in recent years addressed these issues with updates to state policy relating to sales tax on menstrual products and access to menstrual products in jails, juvenile facilities, and state prisons.

This interim study should examine how other states have successfully enacted legislation to address the inequity created by period poverty and to assess the cost of providing feminine hygiene products to students across the State of Nebraska.

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

1. That the Education 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.