

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 177

Introduced by Cavanaugh, 6.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine issues faced by youth in the child welfare system who are pregnant or parenting. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) The number of youth in the child welfare system who are pregnant and who are parenting;

(2) The availability of private and public support services for such youth;

(3) The use of private and public support services for such youth by the Department of Health and Human Services;

(4) Initiatives, programs, administrative policies, and legislative policies implemented in other states that have improved outcomes for pregnant or parenting youth;

(5) The impacts of the federal Family First Prevention Services Act of 2017 on the delivery and availability of services for pregnant and parenting youth;

(6) The perspectives and experiences of youth who are or who have been part of Nebraska's child welfare system; and

(7) Intergenerational strategies to stop the cycle of involvement in the child welfare system, including, but not limited to, addressing the cliff effect in public benefit programs and access to quality early childhood education, health care, postsecondary educational opportunities, and workforce training.

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