

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 194

Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to research and explore, through collaboration among various stakeholders, ways to address juvenile justice reform. The aims of the study are to identify opportunities for cooperation and to develop effective strategies to improve the juvenile justice system, based on best practices and evidence-based approaches.

(1) The study shall include, but need not be limited to, collaboration with the following entities:

(a) The Office of Probation Administration and district and state court systems;

(b) Law enforcement agencies;

(c) County attorneys and public defenders;

(d) School districts;

(e) The University of Nebraska and the Metropolitan Community College;

(f) The city of Omaha and Cass, Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy, and Washington counties;

(g) The Department of Health and Human Services;

(h) The State Board of Education; and

(i) Other subject matter experts in juvenile justice reform.

(2) The study should also include, but need not be limited to, an exploration of the following:

(a) Best practices and evidence-based approaches for juvenile justice reform;

(b) Opportunities for regional cooperation among entities involved in juvenile justice; and

(c) Effective strategies to improve the juvenile justice system with a focus on prevention, rehabilitation, and community-based alternatives to incarceration.

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

1. That the Judiciary 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.