

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 222

Introduced by Howard, 9.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to gather information and make recommendations necessary for the Legislature to craft a comprehensive early learning strategy for the State of Nebraska. This study shall focus on effective state efforts to create and implement programming for infant-toddler and pre-Kindergarten learners. The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) Nebraska's programming for infant-toddler and pre-Kindergarten learners and their families, including education programs and strategies that strengthen parents as first teachers;

(2) Nebraska's strengths and resources in education and health and human service programs and any existing gaps;

(3) Programs in states that have effective universal early learning strategies;

(4) Other states' strategies to effectively harness funds from a variety of sources, including the Illinois Early Childhood Block Grant program, and how Nebraska could fund such a comprehensive strategy;

(5) Input from public and private stakeholders in early childhood education, human services, and public health;

(6) Any other information that the study committee deems relevant.

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

1. That the Education and Health and Human Services Committees of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct a joint interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committees shall upon the conclusion of their study make a report of their findings, together with their recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.