

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 319

Introduced by Conrad, 46.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to determine whether student-to-teacher ratio requirements should be considered or implemented in Nebraska by statute or regulation. The study should also consider whether student-to-teacher ratios should be tailored for special education instruction.

At least twenty-eight states have statutes or regulations that provide student-to-teacher ratio requirements. An additional ten states provide maximum class size requirements. A number of other states have laws that link funding to lower student-to-teacher ratios. Nebraska is among the states that have no statutory or regulatory student-to-teacher ratio requirements for public schools. If implemented, Legislative Bill 1081, introduced in the One Hundred Eighth Legislature, Second Session, would provide for student-to-teacher ratio requirements for special education and general education students in Nebraska.

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