

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 365

Introduced by Day, 49.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study examining school guidelines and policies relating to LGBTQ bullying prevention. Currently, Nebraska's bullying statutes are governed by section 79-2,137, which directs school districts to develop and adopt policies concerning bullying prevention and education for all students. By reviewing school policies and practices and resources available to school districts, the Legislature can identify the challenges and areas for improvement to ensure that all students are protected from bullying in a school setting.

This interim study shall include, but need not be limited to:

(1) A review of available data on the prevalence of school bullying in Nebraska;

(2) A state-by-state review of bullying laws, and the progression of how best practices surrounding bullying has evolved;

(3) A state-by-state review of school nondiscrimination laws, including whether the state has guidance on the treatment of LGBTQ students; and

(4) Input from school districts, parents, and other stakeholders regarding recommendations and strategies to enhance and strengthen school policies.

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.