

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 378

Introduced by Day, 49.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the process for determining the rate of reimbursement for the child care subsidy program and whether current rates sufficiently cover the cost of providing quality child care. The child care subsidy program, funded through the federal Child Care and Development Fund, provides subsidies to low-income families to pay for child care while parents work or attend school. This study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) The use of a market rate survey, as outlined in section 43-536, for determining rates of reimbursement;

(2) Analysis of the anticipated monthly subsidy billing available to providers compared to the amounts paid;

(3) Analysis of the market rates for child care compared to the cost of providing quality child care for providers;

(4) Analysis of total expenditures on the child care subsidy program in Nebraska;

(5) A review of the reimbursement rate setting processes utilized in other states; and

(6) Alternative methodologies available for determining child care subsidy reimbursement rates.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purpose 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.