

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 436

Introduced by Crawford, 45; Blood, 3; Morfeld, 46.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to evaluate the effectiveness of occupational licensing processes in accommodating military spouses and transitioning service members. This includes progress in providing transitioning service members with credit towards occupational licenses based on military training, education, and experience pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statute 38-1,141. The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:

(1) The number of transitioning service members who apply to each Department of Health and Human Services licensing board, or to the Department of Health and Human Services where no board exists, for an occupational license and whether such applicants have military training, education, or experience applied toward their licensure requirements pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statute 38-1,141;

(2) The rate of denial for transitioning service members and military spouses who apply for occupational licenses with each licensing board, or to the Department of Health and Human Services where no board exists, and the reasons for such denials;

(3) The processing time for occupational license applications submitted by transitioning service members and military spouses and the average processing time for all applications for each licensing board, or for the Department of Health and Human Services where no board exists;

(4) Whether the web sites of each licensing board, or of the Department of Health and Human Services where no board exists, prominently display information about accommodations for transitioning service members and military spouses including information on applying military training, education, and

experience toward licensure requirements and transferring a license due to relocation;

(5) Whether educational materials are disseminated to help occupational licensing staff improve their understanding of state legislation regarding the application of military training, education, and experience toward licensure and the portability of military spouse licensure;

(6) Whether licensure applications of each licensing board, or of the Department of Health and Human Services where no board exists, include questions that inquire about military status; and

(7) Whether existing laws and processes effectively address the challenges that transitioning service members and military spouses face when applying for occupational licenses upon discharge from military service or relocating to the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH 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 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.