

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 387

Introduced by Day, 49.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine payment rates and methodology used by the Department of Health and Human Services for child and adolescent behavioral health care, child welfare, and juvenile service providers.

Nebraska is facing a crisis in access to adequate and appropriate behavioral health care, child welfare, and juvenile services. Rising costs for providers have exacerbated this issue and raised questions regarding current provider rates.

In order to determine if legislation is needed to ensure that providers are adequately funded, this study shall examine the current rates paid to providers and whether the Department of Health and Human Services payment methodology reflects legislative intent.

Upon completion of this study, a report shall be made that includes any suggested statutory changes.

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