

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 429

Introduced by Hardin, 48.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the Child Care Licensing Act and the availability and affordability of liability insurance for licensed child care providers in Nebraska. To become licensed and maintain licensure, section 71-1911.03 requires child care providers to obtain liability insurance coverage in the event of legal defense costs or damages as a result of accidents or injuries. In recent years, many licensed child care providers have faced significant barriers due to discontinued coverage, significantly increased premiums, and more stringent policy terms.

To assess the breadth and scope of barriers to obtaining liability insurance as a requirement of child care provider licensing, to identify causes to the increasing difficulty in maintaining liability insurance coverage, and to provide legislative recommendations, this study shall include, but need not be limited to:

(1) A review of the purpose and legislative history of requiring liability insurance coverage as a condition of child care provider licensure;

(2) An assessment of historical and current costs, availability, and typical liability insurance policies and determinations for licensed child care providers and the associated impact on the cost of child care;

(3) An examination of liability insurance licensing requirements in other states, as well as access and affordability; and

(4) Legislative recommendations to improve access to and affordability of liability insurance for child care providers to ensure compliance with licensure requirements.

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.