

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 237

Introduced by Campbell, 25.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study and assess the extent to which Nebraska has implemented key provisions of the federal Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008. This study shall include information on best practices nationally and in other states and make policy recommendations on improving outcomes for children in out-of-home care in key areas. This study may include, but is not limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) The educational outcomes of children and youth in out-of-home care, as well as information on their school stability, the process and timeliness of enrollment in new schools when necessary, and the transfer of educational information and records;

(2) The timeliness and adequacy of health services provided to children and youth in out-of-home care, including the ongoing oversight and coordination of health care services;

(3) The maintenance and strengthening of important relationships for children in out-of-home care, including siblings, relatives, and other trusted adults, and the provision and adequacy of support to kinship families; and

(4) Information on children waiting for permanency, as well as the available incentives and assistance for the adoption or permanent guardianship of children and youth in out-of-home care.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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.