

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 363

Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to conduct an in-depth review of the financing of the public elementary and secondary schools.

The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) The methods of financing public elementary and secondary schools, including methods used in other states, which would provide equitable educational opportunities across the state and offer alternatives to a heavy reliance on property taxes;

(2) The option of using income as a component in the financing of public elementary and secondary schools;

(3) The option of using sales tax as a component in the financing of public elementary and secondary schools, including, but not limited to, an examination of the experience of any other states with such option;

(4) Financing issues as they relate to the quality and performance of public elementary and secondary schools;

(5) Options for funding college-readiness and career-readiness programs, including, but not limited to, programs of excellence, dual-enrollment courses, and career academies;

(6) The costs and resources necessary to meet the diverse and growing needs of students across the state, including, but not limited to, the needs of students in poverty and limited English proficiency students;

(7) Methods used by other states to fund public elementary and secondary school infrastructure needs;

(8) Options for funding distance learning programs;

(9) The effects of the COVID-19 outbreak on school finance; and

(10) Other issues related to public elementary and secondary school finance, as necessary.

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

1. That the Education 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.