

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 415

Introduced by Hansen, 26.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine the effectiveness of section 29-901 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, as relates to the imposition of bail and the requiring of money bonds for misdemeanors and city ordinance violations. The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:

(1) The current statutory scheme relating to money bonds for all crimes, and particularly minor misdemeanors and violations of city ordinances;

(2) The number of individuals held in local jails on money bonds for misdemeanors;

(3) The costs to counties to detain and house pretrial detainees for misdemeanors;

(4) The feasibility of alternatives to money bonds for misdemeanors and the consequences or risks to public safety of eliminating money bonds;

(5) An examination and consideration of changes that would permit indigent pretrial detainees to avoid unnecessary and costly county jail stays; and

(6) A review of Nebraska statutes to determine changes needed to reform bail for misdemeanors.

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

1. That the Judiciary 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.