

ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 97

Introduced by Hudkins, 21

PURPOSE: To direct the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature to review the North Carolina statewide guardian ad litem system. The committee should review the legislation enacting the North Carolina system, the costs associated with operating such a system, and interview judges, attorneys, administrators, and others who participate in the system to determine the positive and negative views of the system.

After collection of this information, the committee should review whether the implementation of such a guardian ad litem system in Nebraska would result in a better system in Nebraska, provide for greater accountability of the guardian ad litem, provide greater protection for children of abuse and neglect who are in the juvenile court system, and result in shorter out-of-home placements and shorter periods of time from removal to permanency.

Finally, the committee should review the costs of our current guardian ad litem system and provide the Legislature with a comparison of our current guardian ad litem system to a system comparable to the North Carolina guardian ad litem system.

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