

## ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE

## SECOND SESSION

## LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 459

Introduced by Nordquist, 7.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study Nebraska's level of preparedness for emergencies and disasters, especially in relation to the state's children. The study should examine Nebraska's statutes, rules, and regulations in terms of:

(1) Establishing child care licensure requirements that ensure robust emergency preparedness and response plans for shelter-in-place, evacuation, communication, family reunification, and considerations for children with special needs;

(2) Implementing continuity of operation plans within foster care, group residential homes, and juvenile detention facilities that provide adequate shelter and services to children during and after a disaster;

(3) Improving school disaster preparedness and building the resilience of teachers, parents, and children;

(4) Ensuring that state and local emergency stockpiles include sufficient amounts of pediatric supplies and medications, including antivirals to treat influenza in the event of a pandemic;

(5) Requiring development of comprehensive long-term disaster recovery plans that prioritize the reestablishment of schools and child care facilities, supervised after-school programs, and access to medical care and mental health services for

all children; and

(6) Creating other necessary or advisable statutes, rules, or regulations that improve the welfare of children during and after disasters.

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

1. That the Health and Humans 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.