

## ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE

## SECOND SESSION

## LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 493

Introduced by McGill, 26.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study whether there are enough resources currently present in schools to detect and treat mental illness in school-age children. The study should include an examination of issues raised during the Legislature's enactment and subsequent amendment of the state's "safe haven" law in 2008 and issues raised during consideration of LB 603, which was passed in 2009. Possible topics to be covered may include the availability of school counselors in elementary, middle, and high schools and consideration of mental health examinations, similar to physical health examinations required at certain levels of schooling. In order to carry out the purpose of this resolution, the study committee should seek the assistance of the State Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services and should consider the input of interested persons as the committee deems necessary and beneficial.

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