

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 138

Introduced by Nordquist, 7; Campbell, 25; Conrad, 46; Cook, 13; Council, 11; Gloor, 35; Howard, 9; McGill, 26; Mello, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to find a solution to the exit of insurers from the health insurance marketplace for stand-alone health insurance policies for children.

Children can no longer be denied health insurance based on their health status, nor can insurers refuse to pay for treatment because of a preexisting condition as a result of the passage of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Public Law 111-148, as amended by the federal Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, Public Law 111-152. However, insurers in the individual market no longer offer new stand-alone or child-only policies in the State of Nebraska.

The Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services has clarified a variety of policy options available to states under the new federal health care law to overcome the collapse of the health insurance market for stand-alone policies for children. The study committee should review these and other options to find a solution to this issue.

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

1. That a 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.