

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 290

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the procedures of the Department of Health and Human Services related to the evaluation of state wards for fetal alcohol spectrum disorders prior to adoption. The study will include, but not be limited to:

(1) An investigation of data related to the number of state wards who may require evaluation and the likelihood that they will receive evaluation;

(2) An evaluation of costs that may be associated with the evaluation of state wards for fetal alcohol spectrum disorders; and

(3) An examination of the consequences of such an evaluation or lack of an evaluation for adoptees and adoptive families.

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

1. That the Judiciary and Health and Human Services Committees of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct a joint interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committees shall upon the conclusion of the study make a report of their findings, together with their recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.