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ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 539

Introduced by Campbell, 25.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study whether the maximum payment rate in the Aid to Dependent Children (ADC) program, pursuant to section 43-512, is adequate to meet the goals of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, including keeping children in their own home. The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) The actual cost of living for families in Nebraska;

(2) The adequacy of the maximum payment rate in the ADC program for families in Nebraska;

(3) The payment rates and payment methodologies used in other states for TANF programs;

(4) The impact of increasing the maximum payment rate in the ADC program for families and for eligibility for other assistance programs;

(5) The effectiveness of the maximum payment rate in the ADC program in keeping children in their own home and out of the child welfare system; and

(6) Any other related topics the study committee deems necessary or appropriate.

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

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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.