

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 185

Introduced by Crawford, 45; Campbell, 25.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine issues faced by Nebraska's behavioral health workforce, particularly licensed mental health practitioners, doctoral-level graduate students, nurses, and psychiatrists. The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) What changes, if any, are needed to increase the number of licensed behavioral health providers in Nebraska;

(2) Ways to assist provisionally licensed behavioral health providers in obtaining their credentials;

(3) The barriers, if any, for obtaining approval from medicaid and Magellan Health Services for the billing for behavioral health services; and

(4) A review of policies in other states.

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