

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 297**

Introduced by Mello, 5; Haar, 21.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study career technical education (CTE) in Nebraska. When employers are given surveys on concerns of the business climate, they routinely rank the need for a highly skilled workforce as one of their top concerns. CTE provides students with the academic and technical skills, knowledge, and training necessary to succeed in future careers and to become lifelong learners. CTE prepares these students for the world of work by introducing them to workplace competencies and makes academic content accessible in a hands-on context. In addition, the high school graduation rate for CTE students is about 15% higher than the national average.

This study shall examine CTE programs and the feasibility and potential benefits of their expansion in Nebraska. This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:

- (1) Successful CTE pilot programs in other states;
- (2) Expanding CTE programs at various educational levels including secondary education and the transition to postsecondary study;
- (3) The impact that CTE has on preparing the emerging workforce for high demand jobs and existing unfilled jobs in Nebraska;
- (4) An analysis of existing federal, state, local, and philanthropic funding sources for CTE programs in Nebraska; and
- (5) How existing CTE programs may be integrated into the process of implementing the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

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

1. That the Business and Labor 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.