

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 581

Introduced by Kintner, 2.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine and identify the positive and negative effects of federal education funding if Nebraska would choose not to accept federal funds that are tied to federal mandates. These mandates reduce flexibility in the administration of education in Nebraska's school districts. Over the last several decades, school districts have experienced ever-increasing involvement by the federal government in the education of students in our elementary and secondary schools through mandates tied to federal education dollars. This study shall examine the effects of this trend and whether there are fiscal or other benefits of increased flexibility and freedom gained by refusing to accept federal funds which outweigh the monetary benefits of accepting federal education money.

The study shall include, but not be limited to, identifying and categorizing:

- (1) All federal funds received by Nebraska to support school districts, excluding federal programs entered into directly by school districts;
- (2) What specific mandates are connected with any such funds;
- (3) The positive and negative fiscal impacts and other effects of refusing such money; and
- (4) Any recommendations from the findings.

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

1. That the Education 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.