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Introduced by Health and Human Services Committee: Riepe, 12, Chairperson; Crawford, 45; Erdman, 47; Howard, 9; Kolterman, 24; Linehan, 39; Williams, 36.

PURPOSE: The Division of Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services is the behavioral health authority for the state and directs the administration and coordination of the public behavioral health system to prevent and treat mental health and substance use disorders.

Nebraska has six behavioral health regions, which are supported by state and federal funds. These six regions provide assistance in provider network development, service coordination, program planning, and financial and contractual management. Annually, these six regions and the division complete over 30 behavioral health reports.

The purpose of this interim study is to examine these reports and determine whether they properly address the administration and coordination of the behavioral health system administered by these authorities. The study committee shall examine whether any of the reports are outdated or duplicative and whether additional information or data needs to be reported.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH 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.