

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 440

Introduced by Kolterman, 24.

PURPOSE: The Nebraska Coalition for Patient Safety (NCPS) was formed as a result of the passage by the Legislature of the Patient Safety Improvement Act in 2005. The purposes of the NCPS are to encourage a culture of safety and quality by providing legal protection for information reported to the NCPS for the purposes of quality improvement and patient safety, to provide for the reporting of aggregate information about occurrences, and to provide for the reporting and sharing of information designed to improve health care delivery systems and reduce adverse health events and near misses in Nebraska. The ultimate goal of the NCPS is to ensure the safety of all individuals who seek health care in Nebraska.

The NCPS has been operating on funds contributed by the Nebraska Medical Association, Nebraska Hospital Association, Nebraska Pharmacists Association, and grants from other entities, such as medical malpractice companies. No state funds have been allocated to the NCPS, and thus, the NCPS's current ability to support patient safety is limited by its reliance on member fees and grants for financial support.

This study shall examine:

- (1) The current funding mechanisms of the NCPS;
- (2) The work product produced by the NCPS and its value to dues-paying members;
- (3) Strategies and opportunities to provide meaningful data and reports for various health care providers, such as physicians, physician assistants, nurses, occupational therapists, pharmacists, and physical therapists;
- (4) Input from various health care providers regarding what the needs of their profession are in terms of patient safety and how the NCPS could identify

and meet those needs with increased funding; and

(5) A comparison of patient safety organizations in other states, their funding mechanisms, and their identified stakeholders.

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