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PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the metrics used in the juvenile justice system to track outcomes for youth who are under system supervision and after contact with the juvenile justice system. National juvenile justice best practices encourage policymakers to accurately measure recidivism rates and other youth outcomes and analyze, report, and use such data to promote accountability and a more effective juvenile justice system.

The interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) An examination of how the juvenile justice system measures recidivism for youth involved in the juvenile justice system, considering the multiple ways they may have subsequent contact with such system;

(2) An analysis of recidivism data in Nebraska's juvenile justice system to account for risk levels and other key youth characteristics and variables;

(3) An examination of the infrastructure of the juvenile justice system to collect, analyze, and report recidivism data;

(4) An examination of how the juvenile justice system makes recidivism data accessible to key constituents and the general public;

(5) An examination of how the juvenile justice system uses recidivism data to inform juvenile justice policy, practice, and resource allocation; and

(6) An examination of how the juvenile justice system tracks outcomes for youth, including educational attainment, behavioral health improvements, skill development, employment, or other metrics to assess whether youth are transitioning to a crime-free and productive adulthood.

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

1. That the Judiciary 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.