

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 387**

Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the processes by which children, from birth to age three, who are the victim of a substantiated case of abuse or neglect, are able to access services through Nebraska's Early Development Network under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part C.

This interim study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) The percentage of children from birth to age three who are the victim of a substantiated case of abuse or neglect that receive services through the Nebraska Early Development Network;

(2) Points in the process that present barriers to services for children from birth to age three who are the victim of a substantiated case of abuse or neglect;

(3) Conversations with Nebraska Early Development Network leadership, regional Early Developmental Network leadership, Early Development Network service coordinators, Early Development Network evaluators, families, and other interested parties from rural and urban settings;

(4) Eligibility under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part C, for children from birth to age three who are the victim of a substantiated case of abuse or neglect in surrounding states; and

(5) Potential solutions to ensure children from birth to age three who are the victim of a substantiated case of abuse or neglect have access to the services they need to thrive.

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