

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 405

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the feasibility of developing the Nebraska Juvenile Justice Information System (NJJIS), an independent, external, juvenile justice and child welfare data warehouse that will integrate current data sources from state and local agencies, for the applied purposes of research and evaluation. The purpose of the NJJIS is to answer key questions about youth at risk of entering the child welfare and juvenile justice system, along with youth involved in either system, to guide future investment in preventing involvement in both systems.

Currently, juvenile justice, child welfare, education, and law enforcement data are maintained by separate agencies, making research efforts to improve these systems limited in scope to a single agency, while lacking in uniform definition and independent evaluation.

The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Current gaps in data and information sharing;
- (2) Legal issues surrounding data sharing, including, but not limited to, privacy protections provided under the law by federal, state, and local governments;
- (3) Specific agency concerns and solutions for overcoming such concerns;
- (4) Data sharing memorandums of understanding that should be put into place between local and state agencies;
- (5) The process for matching youth cases across systems;
- (6) The process for releasing data for the purposes of research and evaluation; and
- (7) How data is reported and current statistics distributed in compliance

with federal requirements and with sections 84-712 to 84-712.09.

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