

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 181

Introduced by Walz, 15.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine home visitation for families in Nebraska. Home visitation is a prevention strategy used to support pregnant moms and new parents which promotes infant and child health, fosters educational development and school readiness, and prevents abuse and neglect. This interim study shall assess the status of home visitation in this state and explore ways to expand programming to more families.

This study shall maintain the confidentiality of program participants and shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) A collection of existing data on the type and location of available home-visitation programs, and to what extent each program aligns with evidence-based or evidence-informed approaches, including training or professional credentials required for each program model;

(2) A review of the parents and children impacted by home visitation, including, but not limited to:

- (a) Data regarding the parents and children served;
- (b) Outcome measures, if available;
- (c) Details on the waitlists for programs, if applicable; and
- (d) Impact stories related to current and former program participants.

(3) An examination of existing federal, state, and local funding sources for home visitation in the State of Nebraska, including, but not limited to:

- (a) The Nebraska Early Childhood Endowment Fund;
- (b) Federal Head Start funds;
- (c) Private funds;
- (d) Federal Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting program funds;

- (e) Federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families funds;
 - (f) State and federal medicaid funds;
 - (g) Federal Family First Prevention Services Act funds;
 - (h) Funds appropriated to the State Department of Education for early childhood education; and
 - (i) The state General Fund;
- (4) A review of potential statutory or administrative changes that would support current models or establish new models of home visitation in this state, as well as, a consideration of the status of home visitation in other states; and
- (5) A determination of whether additional state funding is needed to increase development and access to home visitation.

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

1. That the Education 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.