

ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION
LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 295

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine regional models of delivering education in Nebraska's rural communities, particularly in those communities experiencing population decline. Several potential case studies of regional cooperation exist in the state.

The study may include, but need not be limited to, the following:

(1) Analysis of demographic trends in rural communities and rural schools and the impact of those trends on future educational needs;

(2) Identification of regional education models that would serve to expand rural opportunities, enhance educational quality, and improve cost-effectiveness through distance education, regional cooperation, staff-sharing, and other such strategies;

(3) Analysis of the applicability and adaptation of the learning community concept or other regional models to rural schools and communities;

(4) Analysis of current policies that serve as a disincentive to form rural learning communities or other regional education models which may enhance rural educational quality and cost-effectiveness; and

(5) Consideration of incentives that would encourage

school districts to consider such models.

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