

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 228

Introduced by Hadley, 37.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the safety of staff members at the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers at Geneva and Kearney (YRTCs) in order to determine the number and frequency of attacks on staff personnel by youth that have been placed in the facilities. Analysis of the severity of the injuries caused by such attacks should be included within the scope of the study.

This interim study shall attempt to determine whether there has been an increase in the number of attacks and severity of injuries to staff personnel caused by youth placed in these facilities since control of the facilities was transferred from the Department of Correctional Services to the Department of Health and Human Services.

This interim study shall consider whether staff of the YRTCs, who are currently employees of the Department of Health and Human Services, should be provided with the same statutory protections and benefits as if they were employed by the Department of Correctional Services.

The interim study should include recommendations for improving staff safety and the prevention of attacks on staff members by youth that have been placed in such facilities.

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

1. That the Judiciary and Health and Human Services Committees of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct a joint interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committees shall upon the conclusion of the study make a report of their findings, together with their recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.