

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 525

Introduced by Bolz, 29.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study and analyze the skills gap in Nebraska's workforce and to identify options for workforce education. Education and skill development are strategies that are central to the economic competitiveness of Nebraska. By 2016, an estimated 66% of all jobs in Nebraska will require some postsecondary training beyond high school. Further, more than a third of projected high demand jobs in Nebraska will be middle-skilled jobs requiring some postsecondary education or an associate degree. The study will include, but is not limited to, an examination of the following:

- (1) The current skills gap and any initiatives to provide workforce education;
- (2) Models for promoting workforce education for youth and nontraditional students;
- (3) Financial aid opportunities for workforce education; and
- (4) Any recommendations for promoting workforce education for high demand jobs in Nebraska.

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