

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 583

Introduced by Crawford, 45.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study and assess the behavioral health and mental health needs of Nebraska's K-12 students and the resources available to meet these needs through the State Department of Education and Department of Health and Human Services. The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) Possible changes to programs in order to better coordinate and align services for students provided through these departments;

(2) Any gaps in services for students with either behavioral health or mental health needs;

(3) The potential benefit gained by cooperation and coordination of services between these departments;

(4) The impact of such services on students' ability to be successful in the classroom; and

(5) Policies and programs in other states on this subject.

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

1. That the Education Committee and Health and Human Services Committee 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.