



Hundredth Legislature - Second Session - 2008
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LR 283

Chairperson: L. Patrick Engel
Committee: Executive Board
Date of Hearing: March 27, 2008

The following constitutes the reasons for this resolution and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Legislative Resolution 283 calls for the Executive Board of the Legislative Council to appoint a special committee of the Legislature, to be known as the Developmental Disabilities Special Investigative Committee of the Legislature, to study and investigate the following:

- the quality of care and related staffing issues at the Beatrice State Developmental Center (“BSDC”);
- the placement and quality of care statewide for the developmentally disabled, including:
 - the determination of whether adequate funding and capacity exists for persons to be served in the community,
 - options for service provisions for current residents of the BSDC at other 24-hour care facilities in the state, and
 - the staffing practices at 24-hour care facilities and the relationship of those practices to the quality of care provided to the developmentally disabled; and
- the Department of Health and Human Services with respect to services for the developmentally disabled.

The Committee would consist of seven members of the Legislature appointed by the Executive Board. The Executive Board would be authorized to provide the Committee with a legal counsel, committee clerk, and other staff as required by the Committee from existing legislative staff. The Committee would be authorized to hold hearings and issue subpoenas as deemed necessary by the Committee. Finally, the Committee would issue a report with its findings and recommendations to the Legislature no later than December 31, 2008.

Principal Introducer:

Senator Mike Flood