

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 501

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study costs to the state and infant and child health outcomes associated with not providing prenatal services through the Nebraska medicaid program to low-income women in Nebraska. The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of:

(1) Reduced medical payments made by the state as a result of ending prenatal services to low-income women;

(2) Increased post-delivery medical service costs directly related to not providing prenatal care, including costs related to low birth weight infants, premature births, and other health problems associated with a lack of prenatal care, including increased expenditures in the Kids Connection program;

(3) Costs of providing emergency medicaid for labor and delivery or pregnancy complications, including a comparison of past expenditures in the state's emergency medicaid program; and

(4) Financial impact to health care providers.

The study shall include data from both the public and private sectors.

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

1. That a select committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution. The select committee shall consist of three members of the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature appointed by the chairperson of the committee, three members of the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature appointed by the chairperson of the committee, and three additional members of the Legislature to be appointed by the chairpersons of the Health and Human Services Committee and the Judiciary Committee. The chairperson of the select committee shall be the chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee unless he or she is not appointed to the select committee, in which case the chairperson of the select committee shall be one of the three members of the Health and Human Services Committee who were appointed to the select committee, selected by the chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee.

2. That the select committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a preliminary report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislature on or before October 1, 2010. A final report shall be due on or before December 31, 2010.