

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 236

Introduced by Dubas, 34.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study maintenance payments for foster children by the Department of Health and Human Services and their subcontracting agencies, including, but not limited to a review of the following issues:

(1) The federal requirements for a methodology for determining foster care payments;

(2) The impact on the state of losing federal dollars under the Adoption Assistance and Child Welfare Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. 670 et seq., or class action litigation requiring the development of such methodology;

(3) The methodology that other states utilize;

(4) The difference in payments between relative placements, specialized, enhanced specialized, and professional foster parents;

(5) The adequacy or appropriateness of subcontractors' "child needs assessments";

(6) The timeliness of payments;

(7) State oversight of lead and subcontracting agencies' rates; and

(8) The rates and methodologies used by the lead agencies and subcontracting agencies and whether there is a significant discrepancy by agency.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services 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.