

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 285

Introduced by Lathrop, 12; Ashford, 20.

PURPOSE: To study career education programs in Nebraska's public schools. The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:

- (1) The purpose, role, and mission of career education programs;
- (2) The prevalence of, and need for, career education programs at both the middle school and high school levels;
- (3) The funding for career education programs, curriculum, and equipment at both the middle school and high school levels and the typical costs for training facilities and programs;
- (4) The availability of teachers of career education courses;
- (5) The status and role of career guidance in Nebraska schools;
- (6) The alignment of secondary career education curriculum to postsecondary career education program curriculum and entrance requirements;
- (7) The types and numbers of skilled workers that Nebraska is projected to need in both the short-term and long-term future;
- (8) The role of businesses in successful career education programs;
- (9) The role of labor organizations in successful career education programs; and
- (10) Any other topics related to career education as determined by the study committee.

This study shall be conducted by a select committee consisting of the chairperson of the Education Committee of the Legislature, the chairperson of the Business and Labor Committee of the Legislature, and other members as the chairperson of the Education Committee deems appropriate. The chairperson of the select committee shall be the chairperson of the Education Committee of the Legislature or a member of the Education Committee selected by the chairperson of the Education Committee.

In conducting this study, the select committee shall consult with the State Department of Education, the Department of Economic Development, the Department of Labor, representatives of secondary schools with career education programs, community colleges, an association of school administrators, labor unions, local and state chambers of commerce, business entities, and any other group the select committee deems appropriate.

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

1. That a select committee of the Legislature shall be designated as provided in this resolution 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 Legislature on or before December 1, 2013.