

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 334

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the integral link between academic achievement and risky health behaviors and to identify specific strategies in schools proven to simultaneously address and improve both academic achievement and health outcomes.

Comprehensive sex education in schools can promote healthy attitudes on adolescent growth and development, body image, dating, relationships, and family. Comprehensive sex education can also positively affect adolescent behavior and provide teens with the information, skills, and support needed to develop positive values and make healthy decisions.

The issues examined by this study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) How other states have institutionalized medically accurate and age appropriate comprehensive sex education;

(2) Effective partnerships between families, schools, and health providers in providing information on sexual and reproductive health and how parents and caregivers can be equipped to provide accurate information to children and youth;

(3) Strategies in schools to increase protective factors and decrease risk factors related to improving adolescent sexual and reproductive health outcomes; and

(4) Recommendations for any legislation necessary to address issues and provide solutions suggested by this study.

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

1. That the Education 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.