

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 155

Introduced by Howard, 9.

PURPOSE: Nationally, an estimated 11 percent of students experience campus rape, sexual assault, or sexual violence, with rates as high as 23 percent for female undergraduate students. Campus policies, law enforcement, and proactive action all play a role in reducing rates of campus sexual assault and ensuring that victims are protected when they report such assaults.

The purpose of this interim study is to examine campus policies and efforts aimed at reducing incidents of campus sexual violence and protecting the victims of such violence in Nebraska. This study will also compare practices in Nebraska with national best practices in reducing campus sexual violence. The study shall include, but is not limited to:

(1) A compilation and examination of campus policies surrounding rape, sexual assault, and any other category of campus sexual violence or behavior, for all campuses of the University of Nebraska, for all colleges in the Nebraska State College System, and for each community college. Additionally, private institutions of higher education are encouraged to participate; and

(2) Recommendations as to any statutory changes the Legislature should make in order to promote campus actions that reduce sexual violence, recommendations to campuses to reduce rates of sexual violence, and any relevant recommendations to improve protection for victims of campus sexual violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH 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.