

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 241

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the distribution and use of funds from the federal Title X program. Title X is a federal grant distributed to states or other qualified entities to fund family planning and related preventive health services with priority given to low-income people. Title X funds are distributed across Nebraska and then appropriated to serve nearly 30,000 low-income Nebraskans at Federally Qualified Health Centers, hospitals, local health departments, and health clinics.

The purpose of this interim study is to:

(1) Collect, examine, and analyze data regarding the distribution of federal Title X funds, including, but not limited to: criteria and qualifications for funds for service providers and patients, demand for services, clinic categorization of service providers, geographical distribution of funds, and patients eligible for Title X services;

(2) Collect, examine, and analyze data regarding the origin of federal Title X funds and the cost of Title X services;

(3) Collect, examine, and analyze data of federal Title X service providers, including, but not limited to: location, number of patients served, total funds received, services and cost of services performed;

(4) Collect, examine, and analyze data of federal Title X service recipients, including, but not limited to: services and the cost of services provided, location, income, and gender;

(5) Study, evaluate, and report on the status and effectiveness of policies, procedures, and programs implemented by other states regarding the distribution of federal Title X funding;

(6) Investigate, examine, and analyze any and all legal implications of

any potential limitations on qualifications of types of providers to receive subrecipient federal Title X grant funds from the state, potential legal implications as a result of disqualifying current providers during existing grant cycles, and potential legal implications as a result of patients losing services as a result of a change in the existing distribution method of federal Title X grant funds; and

(7) Recommend data-supported changes to policies, procedures, and programs to address the needs of people who use Title X services, including the steps that will be required to make the recommended changes and whether further action is required by the Legislature.

In conducting the interim study, the study committee shall encourage participation and obtain input from subject matter, academic, medical, and legal experts, nonprofit organizations, entities that provide services as subrecipients of federal Title X funds, and individuals that receive federal Title X program funds and services. The study committee shall also seek input and participation from the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature, its members, and experts in the relevant areas of that committee's jurisdiction.

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

1. That the Judiciary 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 by December 31, 2017.