

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 180

Introduced by Walz, 15.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to conduct an indepth review of how at-risk and economically disadvantaged students are identified as a qualification factor for state-funded, education-related programs at the primary, secondary, and postsecondary education levels. The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) The use of the federal National School Lunch Program administered by the federal Department of Agriculture as a proxy to identify poverty;

(2) The impact changes in such program, specifically the implementation of the community-eligibility provision and direct certification, have had on current and future student eligibility for state programs;

(3) How poverty is identified and program qualification factors are written in other states;

(4) Relevant studies and literature with a focus on the best practices for determinations of poverty for education-related funding programs; and

(5) Whether a need exists to update current state statutes to meet the legislative intent for the various funding programs in light of changes in federal policy and, if so, what options are available for such statutory updates.

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