

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 187

Introduced by Rountree, 3.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to identify and examine the ability of the State of Nebraska to draw down Title IV-E funds for purposes of pre-petition legal services for parent and child legal representation as permitted under federal law. This interim study shall examine, but need not be limited to, the following:

(1) The benefits Nebraska families would receive if the State of Nebraska could access Title IV-E funds for pre-petition legal services;

(2) The organizational structure needed within state government to coordinate the receipt and disbursement of payments for pre-petition legal services from Title IV-E funding; and

(3) Whether any statutory changes are necessary or useful in order to allow the Department of Health and Human Services to serve as the conduit for Title IV-E funding for pre-petition legal services.

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