

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 216

Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the current caseload of child welfare social workers working in the various districts across the state. The study shall include, but need not be limited to, the following:

(1) A determination of whether Nebraska caseloads are in compliance with statutory requirements;

(2) How Nebraska caseloads compare to national best practices;

(3) A determination of the number of caseworkers that children in Nebraska are assigned during their time in foster care and how that number effects case plan development and implementation;

(4) An exploration of ways to reduce turnover in caseworker positions;

(5) An examination as to whether current training is appropriately preparing new caseworkers; and

(6) Other items relevant to the analysis of the appropriate level of social worker caseloads.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services 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.