

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 241

Introduced by Spivey, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine child care impacts on certified trade apprentices participation in Nebraska. The study will explore the relationship between affordable and reliable child care and the success of certified apprenticeships in skilled trades and workforce participation.

The study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Evaluating the availability, cost, and geographic distribution of child care options for individuals enrolled in registered apprenticeship programs;

(2) Reviewing the impact of nontraditional or unpredictable work hours on child care accessibility and cost for trade apprentices;

(3) Identifying whether access to child care affects enrollment, retention, and completion rates within apprenticeships particularly for women, racial and ethnic groups, single parents, and low-income families;

(4) Determining the extent to which current state and federal funding streams support or exclude apprentices with dependents from accessing child care assistance;

(5) Studying successful models or pilot programs in other states or sectors that integrate child care solutions into apprentice programs; and

(6) Providing recommendations for aligning state apprenticeship strategies with broader childcare, workforce, and economic development goals.

In conducting this interim study, the select committee may confer with trade unions, apprenticeship program sponsors, community colleges, employers, parents enrolled in apprenticeships, early childhood education providers, public agencies, and community organizations to assess how childcare access

intersects with the state's efforts to grow and diversify its skilled trades workforce.

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

1. That the Executive Board of the Legislative Council may designate a select committee of the Legislature, composed of the members of the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature and the chairperson and vice chairperson of the Business and Labor committee of the Legislature, 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.