

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 431

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to conduct a study to examine best practices and policies implemented in other states to reduce domestic violence and improve outcomes for survivors.

Domestic violence remains a persistent and serious public safety and public health issue in Nebraska, affecting individuals, families, and communities across both urban and rural areas. Survivors of domestic violence often face significant barriers to safety, including limited access to shelter, legal services, health care, and economic support, particularly in rural and underserved regions of the state.

The State of Nebraska has a responsibility to ensure that policies, programs, and resources are effective, evidence-based, and responsive to the needs of survivors while also holding offenders accountable.

Other states have implemented innovative and evidence-based strategies to prevent domestic violence, improve victim services, strengthen coordinated community responses, and reduce recidivism.

A comprehensive review of these best practices, including prevention programs, law enforcement training, court interventions, data-sharing systems, and survivor-centered services, could inform policy improvements in Nebraska. Understanding how other states address challenges such as geographic isolation, access to services, culturally competent care, and interagency coordination is critical to developing effective solutions tailored to Nebraska's unique needs;

The study proposed by this resolution shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:

- (1) Prevention and early intervention strategies;
- (2) Law enforcement response protocols and training;
- (3) Specialized court models, including domestic violence courts;

(4) Access to shelters, legal assistance, and supportive services, particularly in rural areas;

(5) Coordination among state agencies, local governments, nonprofit organizations, and community stakeholders;

(6) Data collection, reporting practices, and outcome measurement;

(7) Policies aimed at reducing repeat offenses and improving offender accountability; and

(8) Input from stakeholders, including survivors, advocacy organizations, law enforcement, health care providers, legal professionals, and representatives with demonstrated success in reducing domestic violence.

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