

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 472

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine federally funded Head Start Preschool and Early Head Start programs and to provide state policy recommendations in support of such programs. Head Start Preschool provides high-quality early childhood education and wraparound services for preschoolers to promote school readiness and healthy development. Early Head Start provides high-quality early childhood education and wraparound services for infants, toddlers, expectant parents, and families to enhance healthy development, pregnancy, and postpartum recovery.

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

(1) A comprehensive overview of the services, impact, and access to Head Start Preschool and Early Head Start programs in Nebraska;

(2) An overview of the federal and state history of Head Start Preschool and Early Head Start programs;

(3) An overview of the structure and operation of Head Start and Early Head Start programs, including the supporting role of the Nebraska Head Start Collaboration Office and other state governmental bodies and associations;

(4) An inventory of the federal funding sources for Head Start Preschool and Early Head Start programs;

(5) An examination of staffing challenges affecting Head Start Preschool and Early Head Start programs and their ability to provide services to young children and families;

(6) An examination of compliance with federal law regarding Head Start Preschool and Early Head Start background checks; and

(7) A review of approaches in other states to support Head Start Preschool and Early Head Start programming.

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