

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 132**

Introduced by Blood, 3.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the plausibility of the State of Nebraska becoming a participant in the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact. The Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact consists of a partnership between the Council of State Governments, the Department of Defense, and the American Dental Hygienists' Association. The compact intends to support the mobility of licensed dentists and dental hygienists through the development of a new interstate compact. This compact will create reciprocity among participant states and reduce the barriers to license portability.

Currently, if a dentist or dental hygienist from a nearby state wants to practice in the State of Nebraska, the completion of an application process of licensure is required. With the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact, a temporary license may be issued to a dental health professional to allow faster reentry into patient care.

The study shall include, but need not be limited to:

- (1) An examination of the depth of the deficit of dental health professionals in Nebraska;
- (2) A review of the number of licensed dental health professionals located in compact participating states; and
- (3) A recommendation relating to the extent of Nebraska's participation in the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact.

To carry out the purpose of this resolution, the committee shall seek the assistance of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services.

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