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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 239

Introduced by Health and Human Services Committee: Arch, 14, Chairperson; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Day, 49; Hansen, B., 16; Murman, 38; Walz, 15; Williams, 36.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the effectiveness of medicaid waivers in Nebraska overseen and implemented by the Division of Developmental Disabilities of the Department of Health and Human Services, including, but not limited to, the aged and disabled waiver, the comprehensive developmental disabilities waiver, the developmental disabilities adult day waiver, and the traumatic brain injury waiver.

This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) Whether the waivers currently administered by the Division of Developmental Disabilities of the Department of Health and Human Services meet the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities;

(2) The need for services not currently covered by medicaid and home and community-based services waivers;

(3) Other waivers or alternative service delivery methods, which could provide a long-term cost savings to Nebraska by providing appropriate services to the appropriate population at the appropriate time;

(4) Strategies for (a) reducing the number of persons who are waiting to be provided services and (b) preventing an extensive addition to the current list of individuals waiting to be provided services;

(5) Identifying the number of individuals who are receiving services under a waiver;

(6) Identifying the number of individuals who are waiting to receive services under a waiver, including, but not limited to:

(a) An analysis of individual factors, including, but not limited to, age, gender, developmental disabilities, personal income, parental income,

ethnicity, service needs, and availability and location of the nearest provider of such service needs; and

(b) The length of time individuals have to wait for services;

(7) The capacity of providers to provide waiver services; and

(8) Provider rates for such services.

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