

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 377

Introduced by von Gillern, 4.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the components of the State of Nebraska's public health registry data collection and the release of that data to appropriate research entities. This study should examine all public health registry information collected by the state through health registries and vital records and how that information is maintained and released for research purposes given the confidentiality and privacy parameters imposed by state and federal law, including criteria used by the Department of Health and Human Services in decisionmaking.

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

(1) Identifying the public health data of all Nebraskans that is currently collected by the state related to health diagnoses, treatments, and outcomes by geographical location;

(2) Reviewing how other states collect and release health data and how those processes compare to Nebraska;

(3) Reviewing potential changes to the current data collection and release statutes, including criteria used by the Department of Health and Human Services in decisionmaking that would provide responsiveness to research data requests; and

(4) Examining potential ways to consolidate the Nebraska statutes relating to public health data.

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