

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 401

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to conduct a comprehensive examination of Nebraska's county jails. This study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) Policies and procedures relating to county jails housing state prisoners, including, but not limited to, reimbursement provided to the county jails, such reimbursement's sufficiency, and the availability of programming to state prisoners in county jails;

(2) Statutory provisions relating to jails, including, but not limited to, analyzing statutory differences between prisons and jails;

(3) Staffing needs and requirements for safe and full operation of county jails, including, but not limited to, salary and benefits offered, hours, and safety of staff inside the facility;

(4) Out-of-cell time provided to inmates in county jails;

(5) Medical and mental health care provided to inmates in county jails and costs associated with such care;

(6) Maintenance needs of jails and adequacy of county jails to house inmates and state prisoners;

(7) Issues related to distances between jails and courthouses and efforts undertaken to ensure proper administration of justice and respect for constitutional rights;

(8) State aid provided to county jails, such aid's sufficiency, and how to lessen the reliance of jails on property taxes;

(9) The average length of time spent by inmates in jail before being moved to prison; and

(10) The efficiency of keeping inmates in jail after being sentenced to

serve the remainder of their sentence as compared to moving such inmates into a prison to serve the remainder of their sentence.

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