

## ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE

## FIRST SESSION

## LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 194

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine unintended pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases. It is in the interest of the State of Nebraska to prevent both unintended pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases to the greatest extent possible. Approximately half of all pregnancies in the United States are unintended. Unintended pregnancies can lead to mental and physical health problems, poverty, and abortions. The rise of sexually transmitted diseases is also a growing concern in Nebraska. Unsafe and unhealthy sexual practices lead to a rise in sexually transmitted diseases, unintended pregnancies, and abortions. The study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) A study of Nebraska's sex education policy for determining effective, age-appropriate sex education curriculum in Nebraska's public schools;

(2) A study of the role of families and communities in providing information on sex and pregnancy and how parents can be equipped to provide accurate information to their children;

(3) A study of the role of the state in providing family planning services to economically disadvantaged Nebraskans, including the effectiveness of applying for the federal medicaid waiver;

(4) A study of the effectiveness, availability, and accuracy of information regarding contraceptives and their role in preventing unintended pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases; and

(5) A recommendation for any legislation necessary to address issues and solutions suggested by this study.

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