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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 243

Introduced by Gloor, 35; Campbell, 25.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the future of emergency medical services in Nebraska. Presently, there are no governmental subdivisions which have the responsibility to ensure that emergency medical services are being provided throughout the state. Nebraska has no statutory guidance requiring any political subdivision, whether local, county, or regional, which is responsible for emergency medical services. The threat to the health care of Nebraskans is created when a local emergency medical service terminates its program and there is no mandate to coordinate a placement for emergency medical services in that geographical area. The study should develop recommendations for future legislation so that a plan of action could be implemented, with statutory guidance, which would include the financial sustainability and oversight so that emergency medical services are maintained throughout the State of Nebraska. The study is not intended to include self-sustaining emergency medical services currently being provided by larger cities in Nebraska with a paid work force.

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

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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.