

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 300

Introduced by Campbell, 25.

PURPOSE: Anecdotal information based on Senators' contacts with constituents and work done by the Office of the Public Counsel (cases investigated and prior legislative testimony), in addition to the recent work of the Region 6 Developmental Disabilities Planning Council Grant, indicate that a significant number of individuals dually diagnosed with intellectual or developmental disabilities and mental illness (I/DD and MI) or intellectual or developmental disabilities and behavioral health problems are not receiving effective habilitative or behavioral health services. The purposes of this study are to:

1. Study the treatment and services for people dually diagnosed with I/DD and MI or I/DD and behavioral health, including people who are not eligible for I/DD and MI services based on the current criteria of the Department of Health and Human Services, as well as people who may be eligible for one set of services or the other but whose services, due to regulatory and other barriers, are inadequate to meet their needs in the community;

2. Identify and quantify gaps in service;

3. Consider the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act's potential impacts; and

4. Make recommendations for administrative or legislative actions to address such gaps.

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.

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.