

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 380

Introduced by Fredrickson, 20; Clouse, 37.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to identify the needs of youth moving and transitioning to and from a youth rehabilitation and treatment center, an adult correctional facility, or a residential treatment facility as proposed by Legislative Bill 867, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, Second Session, 2026. The study shall:

(1) Examine the current proposal to move youth currently housed in a youth rehabilitation and treatment center or an adult correctional system facility;

(2) Identify the needs of the youth currently housed at each facility;

(3) Consider alternative models for facility location and design;

(4) Evaluate proposed models for success, ensuring that any structural system reform maintains the best interests of the youth involved;

(5) Provide clarity and consistency for agencies, staff, youth, and families so that the rehabilitative and behavioral needs of the affected youth are met. The study shall incorporate input and reports from the Nebraska Children's Commission, the Foster Care Review Office, the office of Inspector General for Nebraska Child Welfare, the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice, youth and families with experience at a youth rehabilitation and treatment center or the Nebraska correctional youth facility, national experts, and other youth justice system stakeholders; and

(6) Examine and identify the legislation, policies, and other changes to law that may be necessary to successfully implement a comprehensive evidence-based plan relating to the movement and transitioning of youth to and from a youth rehabilitation and treatment center, a residential treatment facility, or an adult correctional facility.

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

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.