

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 382

Introduced by Fredrickson, 20.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine issues related to play therapy access in Nebraska. Play therapy is a well-established and evidence-based mental health intervention that is particularly effective with young children.

The study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) An examination of the current evidence regarding the efficacy of play therapy, as well as any proven outcomes for children;

(2) An overview of the challenge of access to play therapy for families in need;

(3) A review of current regulations regarding play therapy in the state;

(4) A lookback on difficulties in the state regarding billing for play therapy;

(5) An examination of required education and credentials to offer play therapy;

(6) Research on how other states approach play therapy as a modality;

(7) A review of potential statutory or administrative changes to support play therapy in Nebraska; and

(8) A determination of whether additional state funding is needed to support such changes.

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.