

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 398

Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine issues related to the funding of emergency communications in Nebraska. This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) The historical decline in revenue from landline service fees that support public safety answering points and the impact of the decline on delivering 911 operations;

(2) Alternative sources of funding for public safety answering points that do not rely on local property taxes;

(3) Technology upgrades that could reduce operational costs; and

(4) Potential new revenue streams for emergency medical services from next generation 911 technologies, such as telehealth, nurse or mental health triage services, or other nonemergency alternatives, for below cost reimbursement from medicare, medicaid, and other government insurers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Transportation and Telecommunications 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.