

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 465

Introduced by Smith, 14.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the impact of the pulse oximetry procedure in testing for critical congenital heart disease (CCHD) in newborns. The study shall include an examination of the prevalence of newborns born with CCHD, the long-term costs associated with CCHD, the potential to decrease morbidity rates associated with delayed diagnosis, and the cost benefits of early detection. In addition, the study shall consider the costs associated with the pulse oximetry procedure, the ability of birthing facilities in areas with limited healthcare resources to carry out the procedure, the means for reimbursement of the costs associated with the procedure, and the appropriate entity to develop and enforce guidelines in carrying out the procedure and necessary follow-up evaluations for abnormal results.

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