

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 299**

Introduced by Kolowski, 31.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the opportunity gap in 3rd grade reading scores. The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:

(1) Data compiled by the State Department of Education relating to 3rd grade reading scores across the state;

(2) Third grade reading scores as they relate to students dealing with poverty, special needs, English language deficiencies, and other obstacles;

(3) Research regarding 3rd grade reading scores as a factor in graduation rates and juvenile delinquency;

(4) The best practices in Nebraska and other states and countries to increase 3rd grade reading scores;

(5) Developing performance goals for increasing 3rd grade reading scores and lessening opportunity gaps; and

(6) Any legislation needed to incentivize best practices to achieve reading success for all students in 3rd grade.

In order to carry out this study, the committee shall develop a team of interested persons including students, teachers, parents, administrators, school board members, the State Department of Education, child welfare advocates, and experts on effective education.

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

1. That the Education 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.