

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 143**

Introduced by Stinner, 48.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the mental and behavioral health needs of Nebraskans, assess the current shortages of providers, services, and resources, and determine what is needed to ensure an adequate behavioral health service delivery system.

The issues addressed by this study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) The number and location of mental and behavioral health providers in Nebraska;

(2) Areas of the state where there are specific shortages of mental and behavioral health providers or specific services;

(3) What educational and residency programs are available to prepare mental and behavioral health providers;

(4) Ways to recruit and keep mental and behavioral health providers in areas where there are provider and service shortages; and

(5) The impact of telehealth availability.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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.