

1 SEC. 61. The court in committing a child shall place such child as
2 far as practicable in the care and custody of an individual or an insti-
3 tution controlled by persons holding the same religious belief as the
4 parents of the child.

1 SEC. 62. Any child taken before any justice of the peace or police
2 court charged with a public offense shall, together with the case, be at
3 once transferred by said court to the juvenile court.

1 SEC. 63. Chapter two hundred forty-two (242), Code 1962, is here-
2 by amended by adding the following new section:

3 "The board of control may transfer to the schools minor wards of
4 the state from any institution under its charge but no person shall be
5 so transferred who is mentally ill or mentally retarded. Any child in
6 the schools who is mentally ill or mentally retarded may be transferred
7 by the board to the proper state institution."

1 SEC. 64. Section two hundred thirty-three point five (233.5), Code
2 1962, is hereby amended by striking from lines three (3) and four (4)
3 the words* "section 232.2" and inserting in lieu thereof the words
4 "subsection fourteen (14) of section three (3) of this Act".

1 SEC. 65. Section two hundred forty-two point six (242.6), Code
2 1962, is hereby amended by striking from line two (2) the word "ten"
3 and inserting in lieu thereof the word "twelve (12)".

1 SEC. 66. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof to
2 any person shall be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the provi-
3 sions or application of this Act which can be given effect without the
4 invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of the
5 Act are declared severable.

1 SEC. 67. The criminal court shall have concurrent jurisdiction
2 with the juvenile court over children less than eighteen years of age
3 who commit a criminal offense.

Approved June 7, 1965.

*According to enrolled Act.

CHAPTER 216

BOARD OF SOCIAL WELFARE

H. F. 308

AN ACT relating to the powers and duties of the state board of social welfare.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. Section two hundred thirty-four point six (234.6),
2 Code 1962, is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:

3 "Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary in chapters two
4 hundred thirty-nine (239), two hundred forty-one (241), two hundred
5 forty-one A (241A), and two hundred forty-nine (249) of the Code
6 relating to the consideration of income and resources of claimants for

7 assistance, the state board shall make such rules and regulations as
8 may be necessary to qualify for federal aid in the assistance programs
9 administered by the board."

Approved May 19, 1965.

CHAPTER 217

PHYSICAL ABUSE OF CHILDREN REPORTED

S. F. 50

AN ACT relating to the reporting by physicians, institutions, and others of certain physical abuse of children and the protection of children against further injury.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. **Policy.** It is the policy of this state to provide pro-
2 tection for children who have been physically injured as a result of
3 abuse or willful neglect and who may be in danger of further injury.
4 This Act shall be administered and interpreted to provide the greatest
5 possible protection as promptly as possible for such children.

1 SEC. 2. **Definitions.** Wherever used in this Act, unless the context
2 clearly indicates otherwise:

3 1. "Health practitioner" includes any physician, surgeon, osteopath,
4 dentist, optometrist, podiatrist, or chiropractor; any resident or intern
5 in any of such professions; and any registered nurse attending or
6 treating a child in the absence of a practitioner of any of such profes-
7 sions.

8 2. "Child" means any person under the age of eighteen (18) years.

9 3. "County department of social welfare" and "county attorney"
10 have the meaning stated in section six (6) of this Act.

1 SEC. 3. **Report.** Every health practitioner who examines, attends,
2 or treats a child and who believes or has reason to believe that the
3 child has had physical injury inflicted on him as a result of abuse or
4 willful neglect, shall make a report as provided in the following section.
5 However, if the health practitioner examines, attends, or treats the
6 child as a member of the staff of a hospital or similar institution, he
7 shall immediately notify and give complete information to the person
8 in charge of the institution or his designated representative, who shall
9 make a report as provided in the following section.

10 Any other person who believes that a child has had physical injury
11 inflicted upon him as a result of abuse or neglect may make a report as
12 provided in the following section.

1 SEC. 4. **Nature and contents of report; to whom made.** Each
2 report shall be made both orally and in writing, and both reports shall
3 be made as soon as is reasonably possible.

4 The oral report shall be made by telephone or otherwise to the
5 county department of social welfare. If the person making the report
6 believes or has reason to believe that immediate protection for the