

who is not a person responsible for the care of the child, anyone with knowledge of the alleged offense may file a complaint pursuant to section 232.83 alleging the child to be a child in need of assistance. In all cases, the complaint shall be filed by any peace officer with knowledge of the investigation when the peace officer has reason to believe that the alleged victim may require treatment as a result of the alleged offense and that the child's parent, guardian, or custodian will be unwilling or unable to provide the treatment.

Sec. 6. Notwithstanding section 7, subsection 4, paragraph "a", of Senate File 2314, the department of public safety is authorized to use revenues generated from the fee authorized in section 692.2, subsection 6, to employ sufficient clerical personnel to process criminal history checks for non-law-enforcement purposes.

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## CHAPTER 1253

### FAMILY DEVELOPMENT AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY COUNCIL

*S.F. 2225*

**AN ACT** relating to the establishment of a family development and self-sufficiency council and the council's duties.

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

**Section 1. NEW SECTION. 217.41 FAMILY DEVELOPMENT AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY COUNCIL CREATED.**

A family development and self-sufficiency council is established within the department of human services. The council consists of the following persons:

1. The director of the department of human services or the director's designee.
2. The director of the Iowa department of public health or the director's designee.
3. The administrator of the division of community action agencies in the department of human rights or the administrator's designee.
4. The administrator of the division of children, youth, and families of the department of human rights or the administrator's designee.
5. The dean of the college of family and consumer sciences at Iowa State University or the dean's designee.
6. A representative from the family life institute designated by the director of that institute.
7. The director of the public policy center at the University of Iowa or the director's designee.
8. Two recipients or former recipients of the aid to dependent children program, selected by the other members of the committee.
9. The head of the department of home economics at the University of Northern Iowa or that person's designee.

The department of human services shall contract with the department of health and human rights to staff and administer grants provided under section 217.42.

**Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 217.42 COUNCIL DUTIES.**

The family development and self-sufficiency council shall:

1. Identify the factors and conditions that place Iowa families at risk of long-term dependency upon the aid to dependent children program. The council shall seek to use relevant research findings and national and Iowa specific data on the aid to dependent children program.
2. Identify the factors and conditions that place Iowa families at risk of family instability and foster care placement. The council shall seek to use relevant research findings and national

and Iowa specific data on the foster care system.

3. Subject to the availability of funds for this purpose, award demonstration grants to public or private organizations submitting grant proposals to provide family development services to families at risk of long-term welfare dependency. Grant proposals shall include the following elements:

a. Designation of families to be served that meet some criteria of being at risk of long-term welfare dependency, and agreement to serve clients that are referred by the department of human services from the aid to dependent children program which meet the criteria. The criteria may include, but are not limited to, factors such as educational level, work history, family structure, age of the youngest child in the family, previous length of stay on the aid to dependent children program, and participation in the aid to dependent children program or the foster care program while the head of a household was a child. Grant proposals shall also establish the number of families to be served under the demonstration program.

b. Designation of the services to be provided for the families served, including assistance regarding job-seeking skills, family budgeting, nutrition, self-esteem, health and hygiene, child rearing, child education preparation, and goal setting. Grant proposals shall indicate the support groups and support systems to be developed for the families served during the transition between the need for assistance and self-sufficiency.

c. Designation of the manner in which other needs of the families will be provided including, but not limited to, day care assistance, transportation, substance abuse treatment, support group counseling, food, clothing, and housing.

d. Designation of the training and recruitment of the staff which provides services, and the appropriateness of the training for the purposes of meeting family development and self-sufficiency goals of the families being served.

e. Designation of the support available within the community for the program and for meeting subsequent needs of the clients, and the manner in which community resources will be made available to the families being served.

f. Designation of the manner in which the program will be subject to audit and to evaluation.

Not more than five percent of any funds appropriated by the general assembly for the purposes of this subsection may be used for staffing and administration of the grants.

4. In cooperation with the legislative fiscal bureau, develop measures to independently evaluate the effectiveness of any demonstration program funded, that include measurement of the program's effectiveness in meeting its goals in a quantitative sense through reduction in length of stay on welfare programs or a reduced need for other state child and family welfare services. Families referred to the demonstration programs shall be randomly selected from those meeting the criteria established in the demonstration programs as being at risk, and all families meeting the criteria shall be monitored to determine the effect of the demonstration programs in changing the status of the families selected compared with those not selected.

5. Seek to enlist research support from the Iowa research community in meeting the duties outlined in subsections 1 through 4.

6. Seek additional support for the funding of demonstration grants, including but not limited to, demonstration funds available through the federal government in serving families at risk of long-term welfare dependency, and private foundation grants.

7. Make recommendations to the governor and the general assembly on the effectiveness of early intervention programs in Iowa and throughout the country that provide family development services that lead to self-sufficiency for families at risk of long-term welfare dependency.

8. Evaluate and make recommendations regarding the costs and benefits of the expansion of the services provided under the special needs program of the aid to dependent children program to include tuition for parenting skills programs, family support and counseling services, child development services, and transportation and child care expenses associated with the programs and services.

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