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House File 444
By COMMITTEE ON SAFETY AND
LAW ENFORCEMENT.

Passed House, Date *March 15, 1955*
Vote: Ayes *81* Nays *10*
Passed Senate, Date.....
Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....
Approved

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend sections two hundred thirty-two point seventeen (232.17) and three hundred fifty-six point three (356.3), Code 1954, relating to commitment of children.

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

1 Section 1. Section two hundred thirty-two point seventeen
2 (232.17), Code 1954, is hereby amended by inserting a period
3 after the word "county" in line seven (7) and by striking the
4 remainder of said section.

1 Sec. 2. Section three hundred fifty-six point three
2 (356.3), Code 1954, is hereby amended by striking in lines eight
3 (8), nine (9), and ten (10) the words "if suitable buildings
4 or jails are provided for that purpose,".

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 444

The purpose of this bill is to eliminate the requirement that juveniles be confined in a completely separate yard or enclosure from adult prisoners. Section 356.3, Code 1954, as amended herein, is adequate protection for juveniles the short length of time they are held until their cases are disposed of in juvenile court.

All juveniles are not held in jail for disposition by juvenile court; only the dangerous and unruly are kept in jails until they are disposed of by juvenile court, and those who must be kept in jail must be kept in a secure enclosure.