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SENATE FILE 247

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the establishment of a birth defects
2 institute and specifying its powers and duties.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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- 1 Amend Senate File 247 as follows:
2 1. Page 1, by striking lines 29 through 35.
3 2. Page 2, by striking lines 1 through 6.

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BY MINNETTE DODERER

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. PURPOSE. In order to provide
2 for the protection and promotion of the health of the inhabi-
3 tants of the state, the state department of health shall have
4 the responsibility for the development and administration
5 of the state's policy with respect to the conduct of scientific
6 investigations and research concerning the causes, prevention,
7 treatment and cure of birth defects.

8 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. ESTABLISHMENT OF BIRTH DEFECTS IN-
9 STITUTE. There is established within the state department
10 of health a birth defects institute for the purposes of in-
11 itiating and conducting investigations of the causes, mor-
12 tality, methods of treatment, prevention and cure of birth
13 defects and related diseases.

14 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. ACTIVITIES OF THE INSTITUTE. The
15 birth defects institute may:

16 1. Conduct scientific investigations and surveys of the
17 causes, mortality, methods of treatment, prevention and cure
18 of birth defects.

19 2. Publish the results of such investigations and sur-
20 veys for the benefit of the public health and collate such
21 publications for distribution to scientific organizations
22 and qualified scientists and physicians.

23 3. Implement programs of professional education and train-
24 ing of medical students, physicians, nurses, scientists and
25 technicians in the causes, methods of treatment, prevention
26 and cure of birth defects.

27 4. Conduct and support clinical counseling services in
28 medical facilities.

29 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS REQUIRED.

30 1. Birth defects and related diseases shall be reported
31 by physicians, hospitals, and persons in attendance at births
32 in the manner and on such forms as may be prescribed by the
33 birth defects institute.

34 2. Such reports and information shall be confidential
35 and shall not be admissible as evidence in an action or pro-

1 ceeding in any court or before any other tribunal, board,
2 agency or person. The birth defects institute may publish
3 analyses of such reports and information for scientific and
4 public health purposes if the analyses are published in such
5 a manner as to assure that the identities of the individuals
6 concerned cannot be ascertained.

7 EXPLANATION

8 This bill establishes a Birth Defects Institute within
9 the State Department of Health to conduct scientific investi-
10 gations and surveys of the causes, mortality, methods of
11 treatment, prevention and cure of birth defects. The Insti-
12 tute is also authorized to publish the results of such studies
13 and to implement educational and training programs in the
14 field of birth defects and related diseases.

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