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A BILL FOR

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2 of appropriate conditions for allowing an inmate placed on
3 work release status to leave the state.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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10 employment. Under appropriate conditions the program may also
11 include an out-of-state work or treatment placement or release
12 for the purpose of seeking employment and attendance at an
13 educational institution. Under appropriate conditions the
14 program may include an out-of-state family visit in the same
15 manner as provided for under the department's policy for an
16 in-state family visit. An inmate may be placed on work
17 release status in the inmate's own home, under appropriate
18 circumstances, which may include child care and housekeeping
19 in the inmate's own home.

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22 under appropriate conditions for an inmate placed on work re-
23 lease status.

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BACKGROUND STATEMENT

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SUBMITTED BY THE AGENCY

26 This proposed bill adds family visitation to the list of
27 appropriate conditions for allowing an inmate placed on work
28 release status to leave the state. Presently, work releases
29 are allowed out-of-state placement to perform work duties, to
30 seek employment, and to pursue educational opportunities.
31 Corrections officials view the exclusion of family visitation
32 from this list of allowable leave circumstances as an
33 oversight. The support of family members often plays an
34 important role in an inmate's successful transition back into
35 society. The department believes that the maintenance of

1 these family ties should be supported by encouraging and
2 providing opportunities for reasonable family visits by
3 persons on work release status. This Code change is necessary
4 to provide the legal mechanism to facilitate a small number of
5 out-of-state family visits, primarily in states adjacent to
6 Iowa.

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