House Amendment 8549

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1  1      Amend House File 2577 as follows:
1  2      #1.  Page 8, by inserting after line 9 the
1  3 following:
1  4      ___.  Section 216B.3, Code Supplement 2003,
1  5 is amended by adding the following new subsection:
1  6   NEW SUBSECTION.  18.  Plan, establish, administer,
1  7 and promote a statewide program to provide audio news
1  8 and information services to blind or visually impaired
1  9 persons residing in this state.
1 10      a.  The commission may enter into necessary
1 11 contracts and arrangements with the national
1 12 federation for the blind to provide for the delivery
1 13 of newspapers over the telephone, furnished by the
1 14 national federation for the blind.
1 15      b.  The commission may enter into necessary
1 16 contracts and arrangements with the Iowa radio reading
1 17 information service for the blind and print
1 18 handicapped to provide for the delivery of newspapers,
1 19 magazines, and other printed materials over the radio,
1 20 furnished by the Iowa radio reading information
1 21 service for the blind and print handicapped.
1 22      Sec. ___.  Section 216B.4, unnumbered paragraph 1,
1 23 Code 2003, is amended to read as follows:
1 24      The director may accept financial aid from the
1 25 government of the United States for carrying out
1 26 rehabilitation and physical restoration of the blind
1 27 and for providing library, news, and information
1 28 services to persons who are blind and persons with
1 29 physical disabilities.>
1 30      #2.  Page 8, by inserting after line 21, the
1 31 following:
1 32      ___.  CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE.  The section
1 33 of this Act establishing an audio news and information
1 34 services program shall take effect only if funding is
1 35 specifically appropriated to the department for the
1 36 blind for that purpose.  The department for the blind
1 37 shall notify the Code editor if such an appropriation
1 38 is made.>
1 39      #3.  Title page, line 3, by inserting after the
1 40 word  the following:    1 41 contingent effective date>.
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