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May 3, 2004

The Honorable Chester Culver  
Secretary of State  
State Capitol Building  
LOCAL

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

**House File 2186**, an Act increasing the damages payable upon conviction of certain unlawful activities involving antlered deer.

**House File 2200**, an Act relating to fire safety issues, including the establishment of a fire extinguishing system contractor certification program in the office of the State Fire Marshal, the promulgation of administrative rules by the State Fire Marshal, and arson and simulated explosive related criminal offenses, and providing for fees and penalties and for the Act's applicability.

**House File 2243**, an Act regarding user responsibility and liability with respect to liquefied petroleum gas systems.

**House File 2259**, an Act relating to the selling and purchasing of products containing pseudoephedrine, and providing penalties.

**House File 2352**, an Act relating to the appointment of illegal dumping enforcement officers and providing a penalty.

**House File 2418**, an Act relating to meeting dates by which the State Board of Regents must make final decisions on tuition increases for institutions of higher education under its control.



**House File 2462**, an Act directing the Department of Human Services to implement child welfare diversion and mediation pilot programs.

**House File 2533**, an Act relating to protective orders and court-approved consent agreements under the Domestic Abuse Act.

The above House Files are hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Vilsack', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Thomas J. Vilsack  
Governor

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cc: Secretary of the Senate  
Chief Clerk of the House



HOUSE FILE 2462

AN ACT

DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO IMPLEMENT CHILD WELFARE DIVERSION AND MEDIATION PILOT PROJECTS.

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

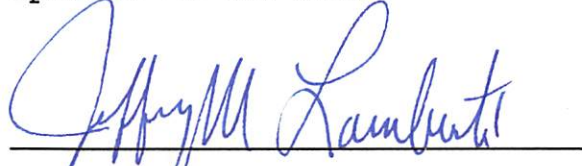
Section 1. CHILD WELFARE MEDIATION PILOT PROJECTS. The department of human services shall implement one or more child welfare diversion and mediation pilot projects through the offices of the county attorney. The projects shall be implemented in separate counties commencing during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, and ending June 30, 2005. The purposes of the projects are to divert selected child abuse and neglect cases that may otherwise result in a child in need of assistance adjudication, improve permanency for children, promote family unification, and reduce state expenditures associated with adjudication of child protection cases. Selection of children and families for participation in a pilot project shall be based upon diversion criteria mutually agreed upon by the department and a pilot project. The department shall be assisted by the pilot projects in collecting data to analyze the effectiveness of the pilot projects and the department shall submit an initial evaluation to the general assembly on or before December 15, 2007. The savings attributable to the pilot projects shall be calculated and may be allocated to the projects as necessary to assist with operating expenses.

Sec. 2. CHILD IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE FAMILY CASE STAFFING PILOT PROJECT. The department of human services shall implement a child in need of assistance family case staffing pilot project in at least two counties. Under the pilot

project, unless the department determines that the pilot project approach would not be in the child's best interest, prior to a child in need of assistance petition being filed, the department shall conduct a full case staffing for the child's case. The staffing participants shall include but are not limited to relevant treatment providers, the child's parents or guardians, and other persons involved with the child. The purposes of the pilot project are to divert selected child abuse and neglect cases that may otherwise result in a child in need of assistance adjudication, improve permanency for children, promote family unification, and reduce state expenditures associated with adjudication of child in need of assistance cases.



CHRISTOPHER C. RANTS  
Speaker of the House



JEFFREY M. LAMBERTI  
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 2462, Eightieth General Assembly.



MARGARET THOMSON  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved May 3, 2004



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