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March 11, 2005

The Honorable Chester Culver
Secretary of State
State Capitol Building
L O C A L

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

House File 190, an Act expanding the duties of the Child Death Review Team and making a penalty applicable.

The above House File is hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas J. Vilsack".

Thomas J. Vilsack
Governor

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cc: Secretary of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House





HOUSE FILE 190

AN ACT

EXPANDING THE DUTIES OF THE CHILD DEATH REVIEW TEAM AND
MAKING A PENALTY APPLICABLE.

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

Section 1. Section 135.43, subsection 3, paragraph d, Code 2005, is amended to read as follows:

d. Maintain Except as authorized by this section, maintain the confidentiality of any patient records or other confidential information reviewed.

Sec. 2. Section 135.43, subsection 3, Code 2005, is amended by adding the following new paragraphs:

NEW PARAGRAPH. e. Recommend to the department of human services, appropriate law enforcement agencies, and any other person involved with child protection, interventions that may prevent harm to a child who is related to or is living in the same home as a child whose case is reviewed by the team.

NEW PARAGRAPH. f. If the sharing of information is necessary to assist in or initiate a child death investigation or criminal prosecution and the office or agency receiving the information does not otherwise have access to the information, share information possessed by the review team with the office of the attorney general, a county attorney's office, or an appropriate law enforcement agency. The office or agency receiving the information shall maintain the confidentiality of the information in accordance with this section.

Unauthorized release or disclosure of the information received is subject to penalty as provided in this section.

NEW PARAGRAPH. g. In order to assist another division of the department in performing the division's duties, if the

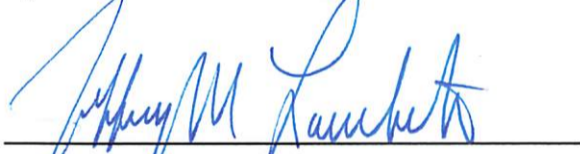
division does not otherwise have access to the information, share information possessed by the review team. The division receiving the information shall maintain the confidentiality of the information in accordance with this section. Unauthorized release or disclosure of the information received is subject to penalty as provided in this section.

Sec. 3. Section 135.43, subsection 4, Code 2005, is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

NEW PARAGRAPH. g. If deemed appropriate by the committee, at any point in the review the committee may recommend to the department of human services, appropriate law enforcement agencies, and any other person involved with child protection, interventions that may prevent harm to a child who is related to or is living in the same home as a child whose case is reviewed by the committee.



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 190, Eighty-first General Assembly.



MARGARET THOMSON
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved MARCH 11, 2005



THOMAS J. VILSACK
Governor