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LT. GOVERNOR

April 9, 2009

The Honorable Michael Mauro  
Secretary of State  
State Capitol Building  
L O C A L

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

**House File 315**, an Act creating an Iowa collaboration for youth development council and state of Iowa youth advisory council in the department of human rights.

The above House File is hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chester J. Culver".

Chester J. Culver  
Governor

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cc: Secretary of the Senate  
Chief Clerk of the House





HOUSE FILE 315

AN ACT

CREATING AN IOWA COLLABORATION FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL  
AND STATE OF IOWA YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL IN THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

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

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 216A.132A IOWA COLLABORATION FOR  
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL -- STATE OF IOWA YOUTH ADVISORY  
COUNCIL.

1. DEFINITIONS. For the purposes of this section, unless  
the context otherwise requires:

a. "Youth" means children and young persons who are ages  
six through twenty-one years.

b. "Youth advisory council" means the state of Iowa youth  
advisory council created by this section.

c. "Youth development council" means the Iowa  
collaboration for youth development council created by this  
section.

2. COLLABORATION COUNCIL CREATED. An Iowa collaboration  
for youth development council is created as an alliance of  
state agencies that address the needs of youth in Iowa.

3. PURPOSE. The purpose of the youth development council  
is to improve the lives and futures of Iowa's youth by doing  
all of the following:

a. Adopting and applying positive youth development principles and practices at the state and local levels.

b. Increasing the quality, efficiency, and effectiveness of opportunities and services and other supports for youth.

c. Improving and coordinating state youth policy and programs across state agencies.

4. VISION STATEMENT. All youth development activities addressed by the youth development council shall be aligned around the following vision statement: "All Iowa youth will be safe, healthy, successful, and prepared for adulthood."

5. MEMBERSHIP. The youth development council membership shall be determined by the council itself and shall include the directors or chief administrators, or their designees, from the following state agencies and programs:

a. Child advocacy board.

b. Iowa commission on volunteer service in the office of the governor.

c. Department of education.

d. Department of human rights.

e. Department of human services.

f. Department of public health.

g. Department of workforce development.

h. Governor's office of drug control policy.

i. Iowa cooperative extension in agriculture and home economics.

j. Office of community empowerment in the department of management.

6. PROCEDURE. Except as otherwise provided by law, the youth development council shall determine its own rules of procedure and operating policies, including but not limited to terms of members. The youth development council may form committees or subgroups as necessary to achieve its purpose.

7. DUTIES. The youth development council's duties shall include but are not limited to all of the following:

a. Study, explore, and plan for the best approach to structure and formalize the functions and activities of the youth development council to meet its purpose, and make formal recommendations for improvement to the governor and general assembly.

b. Review indicator data and identify barriers to youth success and develop strategies to address the barriers.

c. Coordinate across agencies the state policy priorities for youth.

d. Strengthen partnerships with the nonprofit and private sectors to gather input, build consensus, and maximize use of existing resources and leverage new resources to improve the lives of youth and their families.

e. Oversee the activities of the youth advisory council.

f. Seek input from and engage the youth advisory council in the development of more effective policies, practices, and programs to improve the lives and futures of youth.

g. Report annually by February 1 to the governor and general assembly.

8. STATE OF IOWA YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL. A state of Iowa youth advisory council is created to provide input to the governor, general assembly, and state and local policymakers on youth issues.

a. The purpose of the youth advisory council is to foster communication among a group of engaged youth and the governor, general assembly, and state and local policymakers regarding programs, policies, and practices affecting youth and families; and to advocate for youth on important issues affecting youth.

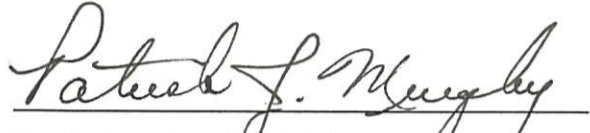
b. The youth advisory council shall consist of no more than twenty-one youth ages fourteen through twenty years who reside in Iowa. Membership shall be for two-year staggered terms. The department director, or the director's designee, shall select council members using an application process. The department director or the director's designee shall strive to maintain a diverse council membership and shall take into consideration race, ethnicity, disabilities, gender, and geographic location of residence of the applicants.


c. Except as otherwise provided by law, the youth advisory council shall determine its own rules of procedure and operating policies, subject to approval by the department director or the director's designee.

d. The youth advisory council shall meet at least quarterly.


9. LEAD AGENCY. The lead agency for support of the Iowa collaboration for youth development council and the state of Iowa youth advisory council is the department. The department shall coordinate activities and, with funding made available

to it for such purposes, provide staff support for the youth development council and the youth advisory council.

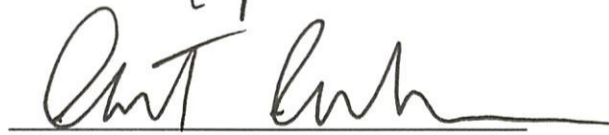
  
PATRICK J. MURPHY  
Speaker of the House

  
JOHN P. KIBBIE  
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 315, Eighty-third General Assembly.

  
MARK BRANDSGARD  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009

  
CHESTER J. CULVER  
Governor