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By BOARD OF CONTROL COMMITTEE.

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Vote: Ayes.....93..... Nays.....0.....

Approved.....

A BILL FOR

An Act relating to cooperative efforts of various departments.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 Section 1. The board of control, the board of parole, board
2 of social welfare, board of regents, commissioner of health,
3 department of public instruction, vocational rehabilitation and
4 employment security commission shall meet together annually the
5 first week in April. Such meeting shall be called by the
6 commissioner of health acting as chairman of the annual meeting,
7 for the purpose of coordinating and integrating activities which
8 involve the personnel of two or more divisions, and shall desig-
9 nate one representative from each of their agencies as a member
10 of an inter-agency liaison committee. This committee shall
11 meet at least quarterly to consider areas of mutual joint interest
12 and responsibility. Minutes shall be kept of such meetings and
13 made available to the legislature. It shall select a chairman who
14 shall be responsible to implement decisions reached by the
15 committee. All activities, which would involve personnel from
16 two or more of these agencies, shall be presented to each board
17 concerned by the committee representative of that board or admin-
18 istrative head at any regular meeting or at the annual joint
19 meeting. When approved by the board or administrative head of
20 each agency involved, the activities will be implemented by the
21 chairman of the inter-agency liaison committee which, however,

- 22 may delegate responsibility to the most appropriate person for
- 23 carrying out the work.

EXPLANATION OF SENATE FILE 442

Departments of government cooperate in many areas, but history has shown that when this is left on a voluntary basis, months or even years may go by before cooperative or integrated action is taken.

The purpose of this bill is to bring together regularly administrative bodies, responsible for certain major divisions of state government, for the consideration of inter-agency problems, and to create a continuing liaison committee which shall meet quarterly and at such other times as are deemed necessary for the continuous consideration and administration of inter-agency activities.