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HOUSE FILE 681

Place on Calendar

*See Social Services 4-16* By COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

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Vote: Ayes 96 Nays 13 Vote: Ayes 47 Nays 2

Approved May 19, 1969

## A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to an inmate furlough plan and its establish-
- 2 ment by the department of social services.
- 3 *Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*
- 4 Section 1. The commissioner of social services may estab-
- 5 lish for any inmate sentenced pursuant to section seven hundred
- 6 eighty-nine point thirteen (789.13) of the Code a furlough pro-
- 7 gram under which inmates sentenced to and confined in an insti-
- 8 tution under the jurisdiction of the department of social ser-
- 9 vices may be temporarily released when an immediate member of
- 10 the inmate's family is seriously ill or has died, or an inmate
- 11 is to be interviewed by a prospective employer, or an inmate
- 12 is authorized to participate in a training program not available
- 13 within the institution. The commissioner of social services
- 14 shall promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the pro-
- 15 visions of this Act.

### EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 681

This bill will enable the department of social services to rehabilitate prisoners by allowing furloughs that are considered desirable by the superintendents of institutions under the jurisdiction of the department. It is in the best interests of an inmate and his family that under special circumstances, such as a death in the immediate family or a desperately ill child, an inmate be allowed a brief furlough.

It will be possible for an inmate to be employed upon release if he has had an opportunity for an interview. This Act applies only to persons who qualify under the indeterminate sentencing provision of the law. It will not apply to anyone convicted of escape, murder, treason, or any crime for which the penalty is life imprisonment.

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**FISCAL NOTE  
HOUSE FILE 681**

**Date prepared April 22, 1969**

**Requested by Senator Kosek.**

Prepared in regard to a bill for an act relating to an inmate furlough plan and its establishment by the department of social services.

Following is the fiscal effect in dollars of the legislative proposal as required by Rule 47: Cost estimate not available.

Note: While a cost estimate is not available, some funds will be required to operate or participate in training programs outside the institution.

**Filed  
April 23, 1969**

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