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HOUSE FILE 2283
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to family counseling for runaways.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 232.19, subsection 1, paragraph c, Code
2 1995, is amended to read as follows:

3 c. By a peace officer for the purpose of reuniting a child
4 with the child's family or removing the child to a shelter
5 care facility when the peace officer has reasonable grounds to
6 believe the child has run away from the child's parents,
7 guardian, or custodian. The child together with the child's
8 family shall participate in a brief counseling session, if
9 such services are available in the county, addressing the
10 reasons why the child has run away. The counseling may occur
11 at a shelter care facility or another location.

12 EXPLANATION

13 This bill provides that a juvenile, who is taken into
14 custody for being a runaway, and the juvenile's family shall
15 participate in a brief counseling session at a shelter care
16 facility or otherwise if counseling services are available in
17 the county. The counseling shall address the reasons why the
18 juvenile ran away from the juvenile's family.

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