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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

HOUSE FILE 364
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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to local civil rights agencies.
- 2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 Section 1. Section 216.19, unnumbered paragraph 3, Code
2 1995, is amended to read as follows:

3 An agency or commission of local government and the Iowa
4 civil rights commission shall co-operate in the sharing of
5 data and research, and co-ordinating investigations and
6 conciliations in order to expedite claims of unlawful
7 discrimination and eliminate needless duplication. A city
8 with a population of ~~twenty-nine~~ fifty thousand, or greater,
9 shall maintain an independent local civil rights agency or
10 commission consistent with commission rules adopted pursuant
11 to chapter 17A. A city with a population of less than fifty
12 thousand which has an independent civil rights agency or
13 commission as of July 1, 1995, shall continue to maintain its
14 civil rights commission or agency. An agency or commission
15 for which a staff is provided shall have control over such
16 staff. A city required to maintain a local civil rights
17 agency or commission shall structure and adequately fund the
18 agency or commission in order to effect cooperative
19 undertakings with the Iowa civil rights commission and to aid
20 in effectuating the purposes of this chapter. The Iowa civil
21 rights commission may enter into cooperative agreements with
22 any local agency or commission to effectuate the purposes of
23 this chapter. Such agreements may include technical and
24 clerical assistance and reimbursement of expenses incurred by
25 the local agency or commission in the performance of the
26 agency's or commission's duties if funds for this purpose are
27 appropriated by the general assembly.

28 EXPLANATION

29 This bill changes the size of a city required to establish
30 an independent civil rights agency from a population of 29,000
31 to 50,000. Any city of less than 50,000 population that has
32 an independent human rights agency as of July 1, 1995, is
33 required to maintain its agency.

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