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HOUSE FILE 391

BY GRUNDBERG and HARPER

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring the department of corrections to conduct a study
2 relating to the number and treatment of inmates with mental
3 illness in institutions under the control of the department.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Amend House File 391 as follows:
2 1. Page 1, by striking line 30 and inserting the
3 following: "December 30, 1997."

By BODDICKER of Cedar
GRUNDBERG of Polk

H-5025 FILED JANUARY 30, 1996

HF 391

1 Section 1. DEPARTMENTAL STUDY CONCERNING INMATES WITH
2 MENTAL ILLNESS.

3 1. The department of corrections shall conduct a study
4 regarding the number and treatment of inmates with mental
5 illness who are incarcerated in institutions under the control
6 of the department. The study shall include, but shall not be
7 limited to, all of the following:

8 a. The number of inmates currently incarcerated who have
9 been diagnosed as mentally ill, by the type of mental illness
10 and the facility and custody level in which the inmate is
11 housed.

12 b. The policies and procedures or plans for ensuring that
13 mentally ill inmates are adequately identified and for
14 notification of institutional staff of the status and
15 condition of mentally ill inmates.

16 c. The policies and procedures or plans for ensuring that
17 institutional and community-based corrections staff receive
18 periodic and ongoing training in the recognition of the onset
19 of symptoms of mental illness and the desirability of adding
20 such training to the curriculum currently provided in
21 department training facilities.

22 d. The desirability and feasibility of establishing
23 additional segregated housing at the Iowa medical and
24 classification center, in conjunction with the provision of
25 mental health services under the management of an identified
26 mental health case manager, for the most severely disturbed
27 inmates.

28 2. The department shall submit its findings, together with
29 any recommendations, in a report to the general assembly by
30 December 30, 1996.

31 EXPLANATION

32 This bill requires the department of corrections to conduct
33 a study regarding the number and treatment of inmates with
34 mental illness who are incarcerated in the department's
35 institutions. The study is to include statistical information

1 on the numbers and placement of the inmates, a review of
2 policies, procedures, and plans relating to notification and
3 training of staff that come in contact with the inmates, and a
4 determination of the desirability and feasibility of
5 establishing additional segregated housing, in conjunction
6 with the provision of mental health services under an
7 identified mental health case manager, for the most severely
8 disturbed inmates. The department's findings and
9 recommendations are to be submitted in a report to the general
10 assembly by December 30, 1996.

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