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HOUSE FILE 98

HUMAN RESOURCES

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 Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____ Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring the department of human services to notify a
 2 subject of a child abuse report of investigation results by
 3 restricted certified mail.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 232.71, subsection 7, Code 1995, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 7. The department, upon completion of its investigation,
4 shall make a preliminary report of its investigation as
5 required by subsection 2. A copy of this report shall be
6 transmitted to juvenile court within four regular working days
7 after the department initially receives the abuse report
8 unless the juvenile court grants an extension of time for good
9 cause shown. If the preliminary report is not a complete
10 report, a complete report shall be filed within ten working
11 days of the receipt of the abuse report, unless the juvenile
12 court grants an extension of time for good cause shown. The
13 department shall notify a subject of the report of the result
14 of the investigation, of the subject's right to correct the
15 information pursuant to section 235A.19, and of the procedures
16 to correct the information. This notification of a subject of
17 a report shall be sent by restricted certified mail. The
18 juvenile court shall notify the registry of any action it
19 takes with respect to a suspected case of child abuse.

20 EXPLANATION

21 This bill requires the department of human services to
22 notify a subject of a child abuse report of investigation re-
23 sults by restricted certified mail. Section 618.15 defines
24 restricted certified mail to indicate delivery to addressee
25 only, and for which the post office provides a return receipt
26 showing the date of delivery, the place of delivery, and the
27 person to whom delivered.

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FISCAL NOTE**

A fiscal note for House File 98 is hereby submitted pursuant to Joint Rule 17. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to members of the Legislature upon request.

House File 98 requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to use restricted certified mail when notifying a person who is the subject of a child abuse report of the results of the investigation.

Assumptions:

1. Approximately 23,532 child abuse investigations will be conducted in FY 1996, and approximately 24,228 child abuse investigations will be conducted in FY 1997.
2. An average of 2.5 notices would be sent for each investigation, at a cost of \$4.57 per notice.
3. Counties are responsible for paying the non-federal share of these local administrative costs.

Fiscal Impact:

House File 98 will result in additional expenditures of approximately \$268,850 in FY 1996 and \$276,800 in FY 1997. Of this amount, federal funds will pay 33.84%. County expenditures will increase by approximately \$178,000 in FY 1996 and \$183,000 in FY 1997.

Sources: Department of Human Services
United States Postal Service

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