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Approved April 24, 1995

A BILL FOR

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2 abuse information.

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

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9 mental health professional whose consultation with respect to
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11 requested by the department.

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29 EXPLANATION

30 This bill adds to the list of persons with access to
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BACKGROUND STATEMENT
SUBMITTED BY THE AGENCY

Iowa Code section 235B.6, subsection 2, paragraph "b", describes individuals, agencies, and other entities in the investigation of a report of dependent adult abuse who are authorized access to adult abuse investigation information and reports. The department of human services proposes adding department representatives involved with the certification or accreditation of agencies or programs to the list. Situations arise when department staff performing quality assurance activity are investigating the same situation or situations being investigated by adult abuse staff. It is important that there be free exchange of information among these personnel. Current Code language does not specifically allow for this exchange.

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LEONARD L. BOSWELL
President of the Senate

RON J. CORBETT
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 116, Seventy-sixth General Assembly.

JOHN F. DWYER
Secretary of the Senate

Approved *April 24*, 1995

TERRY E. BRANSTAD
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