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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 12

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1 A Resolution requesting the legislative council to  
2 create a department of human services institution  
3 closure task force.

4 WHEREAS, the department of human services  
5 administers four state mental health institutes, two  
6 state hospital-schools, one state training school, and  
7 one state juvenile home; and

8 WHEREAS, the state institutions administered by the  
9 department have been in service for many years and  
10 have significant repair and maintenance needs; and

11 WHEREAS, it is believed that many individuals  
12 served at the state institutions could be served in a  
13 program which is closer to their home, is more  
14 residential in nature, and is better integrated within  
15 the surrounding community, compared to a state  
16 institution; and

17 WHEREAS, the state institutions are a vital part of  
18 the lives of the persons served and cannot be easily  
19 replaced; and

20 WHEREAS, the state institutions are major employers  
21 and a significant economic force in the areas in which  
22 the institutions are located and any change in the  
23 institutions deserves careful planning; NOW THEREFORE,

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the legislative  
25 council is requested to create a department of human  
26 services' institution closure task force to review the  
27 institutions administered by the department of human  
28 services to identify potential candidates for closure.  
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1 The review should include the current mission of each  
2 institution and the task force should be directed to  
3 give consideration to recommending the most efficient  
4 use of state resources without sacrificing the quality  
5 of the programs provided by the state institutions.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the task force be  
7 directed to suggest a time line for any recommended  
8 closure and to address alternative uses for  
9 institutions identified for closure, including  
10 privatization and leasing of buildings for other  
11 purposes. It is recommended that the membership of  
12 the task force include six members, with each  
13 congressional district represented by at least one  
14 member and with the overall membership subject to the  
15 provisions of chapter 69 regarding gender balance and  
16 political affiliation. The membership should include  
17 all of the following:

- 18 1. A chairperson proposed by the Iowa association  
19 of business and industry.
- 20 2. A county supervisor proposed by the Iowa state  
21 association of counties.
- 22 3. A psychiatrist proposed by the Iowa psychiatric  
23 association.
- 24 4. An individual who is certified or licensed to  
25 provide substance abuse treatment proposed by the  
26 commission on substance abuse.
- 27 5. A corrections officer proposed by the Iowa  
28 state sheriffs and deputies association.
- 29 6. An individual who is knowledgeable concerning  
30 juvenile justice and related issues proposed by the

1 coalition for family and children's services in Iowa.  
2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the task force be  
3 directed to report its recommendations and findings to  
4 the legislative council and the general assembly on or  
5 before December 4, 1995.

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