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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to child welfare provisions involving juvenile 2 justice dispositional orders, hearings, and placements and 3 providing an effective date. 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA: 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

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1 Amend House File 376, as follows:
2 1. Page 3, line 14, by striking the word "lease"
3 and inserting the word "least".
By GARMAN of Story

H-1183 FILED MARCH 17, 1997 ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

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1 Section 1. Section 232.50, subsection 2, Code 1997, is
2 amended to read as follows:

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2. The court shall hold a periodic dispositional review 4 hearing for each child in placement pursuant to section 5 232.52, subsection 2, paragraph "d" or "e", to determine the 6 future disposition status of the child. The hearings shall 7 not be waived or continued beyond eighteen twelve months after 8 the last dispositional hearing or dispositional review 9 hearing.

10 Sec. 2. Section 232.52, subsection 7, Code 1997, is 11 amended to read as follows:

12 7. If the court orders the transfer of the custody of the 13 child to the department of human services or to another agency 14 for placement in foster group care, the department or agency 15 shall make every reasonable effort to place the child within 16 the state, in the least restrictive, most family-like, and 17 most appropriate setting available and in close proximity to 18 the parents' home, consistent with the child's best interests 19 and special needs, and shall consider the placement's 20 proximity to the school in which the child is enrolled at the 21 time of placement.

22 Sec. 3. Section 232.89, subsection 1, Code 1997, is 23 amended to read as follows:

1. Upon the filing of a petition the parent, guardian, or custodian identified in the petition shall have the right to counsel in connection with all subsequent hearings and proceedings. If that person desires but is financially unable to employ counsel, the court shall appoint counsel. However, an-incarcerated-parent-without-legal-custody-shall-not-have the-right-to-counsel.

31 Sec. 4. Section 232.101, subsection 2, Code 1997, is 32 amended to read as follows:

33 2. The duration of any period of supervision or other 34 terms or conditions shall be for an initial period of no more 35 than eighteen twelve months and the court, at the expiration

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1 of that period, upon a hearing and for good cause shown, may 2 make not more than two successive extensions of such 3 supervision or other terms or conditions of up to twelve 4 months each.

5 Sec. 5. Section 232.102, subsection 7, Code 1997, is 6 amended to read as follows:

In any order transferring custody to the department or 7 7. 8 an agency, or in orders pursuant to a custody order, the court 9 shall specify the nature and category of disposition which 10 will serve the best interests of the child, and shall ll prescribe the means by which the placement shall be monitored 12 by the court. If the court orders the transfer of the custody 13 of the child to the department of human services or other 14 agency for placement, the department or agency shall submit a 15 case permanency plan to the court and shall make every 16 reasonable effort to return the child to the child's home as 17 quickly as possible consistent with the best interest of the 18 child. When the child is not returned to the child's home and 19 if the child has been previously placed in a licensed foster 20 care facility, the department or agency shall consider placing 21 the child in the same licensed foster care facility. If the 22 court orders the transfer of custody to a relative or other 23 suitable person, the court may direct the department or other 24 agency to provide services to the child's parent, guardian, or 25 custodian in order to enable them to resume custody of the 26 child. If the court orders the transfer of custody to the 27 department of human services or to another agency for 28 placement in foster group care, the department or agency shall 29 make every reasonable effort to place the child within Iowa, 30 in the least restrictive, most family-like, and most 31 appropriate setting available, and in close proximity to the 32 parents' home, consistent with the child's best interests and 33 special needs, and shall consider the placement's proximity to 34 the school in which the child is enrolled at the time of 35 placement.

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1 Sec. 6. Section 232.163, Code 1997, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 232.163 VISITATION, INSPECTION OR SUPERVISION.

<u>1.</u> Any requirements for visitation, inspection, or
supervision of children, homes, institutions, or other
agencies in another party state which may apply under the
provisions of this chapter shall be deemed to be met if
performed pursuant to an agreement entered into by appropriate
officers or agencies of this state or a subdivision thereof of
this state as contemplated by paragraph "b" of article V of
the interstate compact on the placement of children.

12 2. If a child is placed outside the residency state of the 13 child's parent, the placement agency shall provide for a 14 designee to visit the child at lease once every twelve months 15 and to submit a written report to the court concerning the 16 child and the visit.

17 Sec. 7. Section 232.175, Code 1997, is amended to read as 18 follows:

19 232.175 PLACEMENT OVERSIGHT.

20 Placement oversight shall be provided pursuant to this 21 division when the parent, guardian, or custodian of a child 22 with mental retardation or other developmental disability 23 requests placement of the child for a period of more than 24 thirty days. The oversight shall be provided through review 25 of the placement every six months by the department's foster 26 care review committees or by a local citizen foster care 27 review board. Court oversight shall be provided prior to the 28 initial placement and at periodic intervals which shall not 29 exceed eighteen twelve months. It is the purpose and policy 30 of this division to assure the existence of oversight 31 safeguards as required by the federal Child Welfare Act of 32 1980, Pub. L. No. 96-272, as codified in 42 U.S.C. § 33 671(a)(16), 627(a)(2)(B), and 675(1),(5), while maintaining 34 parental decision-making authority.

35 Sec. 8. Section 232.183, subsection 2, Code 1997, is

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1 amended to read as follows:

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2. The dispositional hearing shall be held within eighteen
 3 twelve months of the date the child was placed in foster care.
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 5 amended to read as follows:

6 6. With respect to each child whose placement was approved 7 pursuant to subsection 5, the court shall continue to hold 8 periodic dispositional hearings. The hearings shall not be 9 waived or continued beyond eighteen twelve months following 10 the last dispositional hearing. After a dispositional 11 hearing, the court shall enter one of the dispositional orders 12 authorized under subsection 5.

13 Sec. 10. Section 238.30, Code 1997, is repealed.
14 Sec. 11. EFFECTIVE DATE. Code section 232.89, as amended
15 by this Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes
16 effect upon enactment.

EXPLANATION

18 This bill relates to child welfare provisions involving 19 dispositional orders, hearings, and placements.

20 Code section 232.50, relating to dispositional hearings for 21 children found to have committed a delinquent act who are 22 ordered to the custody of the department of human services for 23 placement, is amended to require a dispositional review 24 hearing at least every 12 months instead of at least every 18 25 months.

Code section 232.52, relating to dispositions of children found to have committed a delinquent act, is amended to require additional criteria to be used by the department of human services or other agency in making a foster group care placement. In addition to being the least restrictive least restrictive setting, the bill requires the placement to also be the most family-like and most appropriate.

33 Code section 232.89, relating to the right to counsel for a 34 child in need of assistance proceeding, is amended to strike 35 language prohibiting the right to counsel for an incarcerated

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1 parent without legal custody of the child. The stricken 2 language was enacted in 1996 Iowa Acts, chapter 1193 (H.F. 3 2458). This section takes effect upon enactment.

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4 Code section 232.101, relating to child in need of 5 assistance court orders for supervised retention of custody of 6 a child by the parent, is amended. The amendment reduces from 7 18 months to 12 months the period of time for an initial court 8 order providing for the supervised retention of custody by the 9 parent.

10 Code section 232.102, relating to transfer of custody and 11 placement of a child found by the court to be in need of 12 assistance, is amended to require that additional criteria be 13 used by the department of human services or other agency in 14 making a foster group care placement. In addition to being 15 the least restrictive setting, the placement must also be the 16 most family-like and most appropriate setting.

17 Code section 232.163, part of the interstate compact on the 18 placement of children statute relating to visitation, 19 inspection, or supervision of a child in placement, is amended 20 concerning visitation of a child placed outside the state of 21 the parent's residency. The amendment requires the placement 22 agency to provide for a visit of the child and a report to the 23 court at least every 12 months.

24 Code section 232.175, relating to oversight of voluntary 25 foster care placement of a child with mental retardation or 26 other disability, is amended. The amendment reduces from 18 27 months to 12 months the time interval for periodic court 28 oversight.

29 Code section 232.183, relating to dispositional hearings 30 and orders for the voluntary foster care placement of a child 31 with a disability, is amended. The amendments reduce from 18 32 months to 12 months the time period authorized for the court 33 to hold a dispositional hearing concerning the initial 34 placement of the child in foster care and for periodic 35 dispositional hearings concerning a child in placement.

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Code section 238.30, relating to reports by child-placing
 agencies concerning children placed by the agencies, is
 repealed. The repealed section requires monthly reports with
 names of the children placed and of the persons with whom the
 placements were made.



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HOUSE FILE 376 BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 145)

(As Amended and Passed by the House, April 3, 1997)

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A BILL FOR

. 1	An Act relating to child welfare provisions involving juvenile
2	justice dispositional orders, hearings, and placements and
3	providing an effective date.
4	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 Section 1. Section 232.50, subsection 2, Code 1997, is
2 amended to read as follows:

2. The court shall hold a periodic dispositional review
 4 hearing for each child in placement pursuant to section
 5 232.52, subsection 2, paragraph "d" or "e", to determine the
 6 future disposition status of the child. The hearings shall
 7 not be waived or continued beyond eighteen twelve months after
 8 the last dispositional hearing or dispositional review
 9 hearing.

10 Sec. 2. Section 232.52, subsection 7, Code 1997, is 11 amended to read as follows:

12 7. If the court orders the transfer of the custody of the 13 child to the department of human services or to another agency 14 for placement in foster group care, the department or agency 15 shall make every reasonable effort to place the child within 16 the state, in the least restrictive, most family-like, and 17 most appropriate setting available and in close proximity to 18 the parents' home, consistent with the child's best interests 19 and special needs, and shall consider the placement's 20 proximity to the school in which the child is enrolled at the 21 time of placement.

22 Sec. 3. Section 232.89, subsection 1, Code 1997, is 23_amended to read as follows:

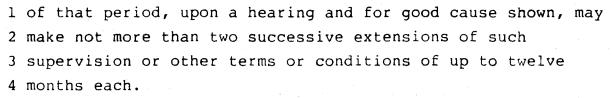
1. Upon the filing of a petition the parent, guardian, or custodian identified in the petition shall have the right to counsel in connection with all subsequent hearings and proceedings. If that person desires but is financially unable to employ counsel, the court shall appoint counsel. However, an-incarcerated-parent-without-legal-custody-shall-not-have the-right-to-counsel.

31 Sec. 4. Section 232.101, subsection 2, Code 1997, is 32 amended to read as follows:

33 2. The duration of any period of supervision or other 34 terms or conditions shall be for an initial period of no more 35 than eighteen twelve months and the court, at the expiration

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5 Sec. 5. Section 232.102, subsection 7, Code 1997, is 6 amended to read as follows:

7 7. In any order transferring custody to the department or 8 an agency, or in orders pursuant to a custody order, the court 9 shall specify the nature and category of disposition which 10 will serve the best interests of the child, and shall 11 prescribe the means by which the placement shall be monitored 12 by the court. If the court orders the transfer of the custody 13 of the child to the department of human services or other 14 agency for placement, the department or agency shall submit a 15 case permanency plan to the court and shall make every 16 reasonable effort to return the child to the child's home as 17 guickly as possible consistent with the best interest of the When the child is not returned to the child's home and 18 child. 19 if the child has been previously placed in a licensed foster 20 care facility, the department or agency shall consider placing 21 the child in the same licensed foster care facility. If the 22 court orders the transfer of custody to a relative or other 23 suitable person, the court may direct the department or other 24 agency to provide services to the child's parent, guardian, or 25 custodian in order to enable them to resume custody of the 26 child. If the court orders the transfer of custody to the 27 department of human services or to another agency for 28 placement in foster group care, the department or agency shall 29 make every reasonable effort to place the child within Iowa, 30 in the least restrictive, most family-like, and most 31 appropriate setting available, and in close proximity to the 32 parents' home, consistent with the child's best interests and 33 special needs, and shall consider the placement's proximity to 34 the school in which the child is enrolled at the time of 35 placement.

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1 Sec. 6. Section 232.163, Code 1997, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 232.163 VISITATION, INSPECTION OR SUPERVISION.

<u>1.</u> Any requirements for visitation, inspection, or
5 supervision of children, homes, institutions, or other
6 agencies in another party state which may apply under the
7 provisions of this chapter shall be deemed to be met if
8 performed pursuant to an agreement entered into by appropriate
9 officers or agencies of this state or a subdivision thereof of
10 this state as contemplated by paragraph "b" of article V of
11 the interstate compact on the placement of children.
12 2. If a child is placed outside the residency state of the
13 child's parent, the placement agency shall provide for a
14 designee to visit the child at least once every twelve months

15 and to submit a written report to the court concerning the 16 child and the visit.

17 Sec. 7. Section 232.175, Code 1997, is amended to read as 18 follows:

19 232.175 PLACEMENT OVERSIGHT.

Placement oversight shall be provided pursuant to this 20 21 division when the parent, guardian, or custodian of a child 22 with mental retardation or other developmental disability 23 requests placement of the child for a period of more than 24 thirty days. The oversight shall be provided through review 25 of the placement every six months by the department's foster 26 care review committees or by a local citizen foster care 27 review board. Court oversight shall be provided prior to the 28 initial placement and at periodic intervals which shall not 29 exceed eighteen twelve months. It is the purpose and policy 30 of this division to assure the existence of oversight 31 safeguards as required by the federal Child Welfare Act of 32 1980, Pub. L. No. 96-272, as codified in 42 U.S.C. § 33 671(a)(16), 627(a)(2)(B), and 675(1),(5), while maintaining 34 parental decision-making authority.

35 Sec. 8. Section 232.183, subsection 2, Code 1997, is

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1 amended to read as follows:

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2 2. The dispositional hearing shall be held within eighteen 3 twelve months of the date the child was placed in foster care. Sec. 9. Section 232.183, subsection 6, Code 1997, is 4 5 amended to read as follows:

6. With respect to each child whose placement was approved 6 7 pursuant to subsection 5, the court shall continue to hold 8 periodic dispositional hearings. The hearings shall not be 9 waived or continued beyond eighteen twelve months following 10 the last dispositional hearing. After a dispositional 11 hearing, the court shall enter one of the dispositional orders 12 authorized under subsection 5.

Sec. 10. Section 238.30, Code 1997, is repealed. 13 Sec. 11. EFFECTIVE DATE. Code section 232.89, as amended 14 15 by this Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes 16 effect upon enactment.

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HUMAN RESOURCES Succeeded By SF HF 374 SENATE/HOUSE FILE BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES BILL)

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A BILL FOR

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

.TLSB 1109DP 77 .jp/jj/8 1 Section 1. Section 232.50, subsection 2, Code 1997, is
2 amended to read as follows:

2. The court shall hold a periodic dispositional review
4 hearing for each child in placement pursuant to section
5 232.527-subsection-27-paragraph-"d"-or-"e" or 232.52A, to
6 determine the future disposition status of the child. The
7 hearings shall not be waived or continued beyond eighteen
8 twelve months after the last dispositional hearing or
9 dispositional review hearing.

10 Sec. 2. Section 232.52, subsection 7, Code 1997, is 11 amended to read as follows:

12 7. If the court orders the transfer of the custody of the 13 child to the department of human services or to another agency 14 for placement in foster group care, the department or agency 15 shall make every reasonable effort to place the child within 16 the state, in the least restrictive, most family-like, and 17 most appropriate setting available and in close proximity to 18 the parents' home, consistent with the child's best interests 19 and special needs, and shall consider the placement's 20 proximity to the school in which the child is enrolled at the 21 time of placement.

22 Sec. 3. Section 232.53, subsection 1, Code 1997, is 23 amended to read as follows:

1. Any Except as otherwise provided in this section, a dispositional order entered by the court pursuant to section 232.52 shall remain in force for-an-indeterminate-period-or runtil the child becomes eighteen years of age unless otherwise specified by the court or unless sooner terminated pursuant to the provisions of section 232.54. No <u>A</u> dispositional order made under section 232.52, subsection 2, paragraph "e" shall <u>not</u> remain in force longer than the maximum possible duration of the sentence which may be imposed on an adult for the commission of the act which the child has been found by the acourt to have committed.

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35 Sec. 4. Section 232.89, subsection 1, Code 1997, is

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1 amended to read as follows:

1. Upon the filing of a petition the parent, guardian, or custodian identified in the petition shall have the right to 4 counsel in connection with all subsequent hearings and 5 proceedings. If that person desires but is financially unable 6 to employ counsel, the court shall appoint counsel. However, 7 an-incarcerated-parent-without-legal-custody-shall-not-have 8 the-right-to-counsel.

9 Sec. 5. Section 232.101, subsection 2, Code 1997, is 10 amended to read as follows:

11 2. The duration of any period of supervision or other 12 terms or conditions shall be for an initial period of no more 13 than eighteen <u>twelve</u> months and the court, at the expiration 14 of that period, upon a hearing and for good cause shown, may 15 make not more than two successive extensions of such 16 supervision or other terms or conditions of up to twelve 17 months each.

18 Sec. 6. Section 232.102, subsection 7, Code 1997, is 19 amended to read as follows:

20 7. In any order transferring custody to the department or 21 an agency, or in orders pursuant to a custody order, the court 22 shall specify the nature and category of disposition which 23 will serve the best interests of the child, and shall 24 prescribe the means by which the placement shall be monitored 25 by the court. If the court orders the transfer of the custody 26 of the child to the department of human services or other 27 agency for placement, the department or agency shall submit a 28 case permanency plan to the court and shall make every 29 reasonable effort to return the child to the child's home as 30 quickly as possible consistent with the best interest of the 31 child. When the child is not returned to the child's home and 32 if the child has been previously placed in a licensed foster 33 care facility, the department or agency shall consider placing 34 the child in the same licensed foster care facility. If the 35 court orders the transfer of custody to a relative or other

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1 suitable person, the court may direct the department or other 2 agency to provide services to the child's parent, guardian, or 3 custodian in order to enable them to resume custody of the 4 child. If the court orders the transfer of custody to the 5 department of human services or to another agency for 6 placement in foster group care, the department or agency shall 7 make every reasonable effort to place the child within Iowa, 8 in the least restrictive, most family-like, and most

9 <u>appropriate</u> setting available, and in close proximity to the 10 parents' home, consistent with the child's best interests and 11 special needs, and shall consider the placement's proximity to 12 the school in which the child is enrolled at the time of 13 placement.

14 Sec. 7. Section 232.163, Code 1997, is amended to read as 15 follows:

16 232.163 VISITATION, INSPECTION OR SUPERVISION.

17 <u>1.</u> Any requirements for visitation, inspection, or 18 supervision of children, homes, institutions, or other 19 agencies in another party state which may apply under the 20 provisions of this chapter shall be deemed to be met if 21 performed pursuant to an agreement entered into by appropriate 22 officers or agencies of this state or a subdivision thereof of 23 <u>this state</u> as contemplated by paragraph "b" of article V of 24 the interstate compact on the placement of children.

25 <u>2. If a child is placed outside the residency state of the</u>
26 child's parent, the placement agency shall provide for a
27 designee to visit the child at lease once every twelve months
28 and to submit a written report to the court concerning the
29 child and the visit.

30 Sec. 8. Section 232.175, Code 1997, is amended to read as 31 follows:

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33 Placement oversight shall be provided pursuant to this 34 division when the parent, guardian, or custodian of a child 35 with mental retardation or other developmental disability

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1 requests placement of the child for a period of more than 2 thirty days. The oversight shall be provided through review 3 of the placement every six months by the department's foster 4 care review committees or by a local citizen foster care 5 review board. Court oversight shall be provided prior to the 6 initial placement and at periodic intervals which shall not 7 exceed eighteen twelve months. It is the purpose and policy 8 of this division to assure the existence of oversight 9 safeguards as required by the federal Child Welfare Act of 10 1980, Pub. L. No. 96-272, as codified in 42 U.S.C. § 11 671(a)(16), 627(a)(2)(B), and 675(1),(5), while maintaining 12 parental decision-making authority.

13 Sec. 9. Section 232.183, subsection 2, Code 1997, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 2. The dispositional hearing shall be held within eighteen
16 twelve months of the date the child was placed in foster care.
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18 amended to read as follows:

19 6. With respect to each child whose placement was approved 20 pursuant to subsection 5, the court shall continue to hold 21 periodic dispositional hearings. The hearings shall not be 22 waived or continued beyond eighteen twelve months following 23 the last dispositional hearing. After a dispositional 24 hearing, the court shall enter one of the dispositional orders 25 authorized under subsection 5.

Sec. 11. REPEAL. Section 238.30, Code 1997, is repealed.
Sec. 12. EFFECTIVE DATE. Section 4 of this Act, amending
Code section 232.89, being deemed of immediate importance,
takes effect upon enactment.

EXPLANATION

31 This bill relates to child welfare provisions involving 32 dispositional orders, hearings, and placements.

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33 Code section 232.50, relating to dispositional hearings for 34 children found to have committed a delinquent act, is amended 35 to require a dispositional review hearing at least every 12

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1 months for any kind of placement of a child. Under current 2 law, dispositional review hearings are required at least every 3 18 months for only the following types of placements: an 4 adult relative or other suitable adult, a child placement 5 agency or other suitable private agency or facility, the 6 department of human services for foster care placement, or the 7 department of human services for placement in the state 8 training school.

Code section 232.52, relating to dispositions of children 9 10 found to have committed a delinquent act, is amended to 11 require additional criteria to be used by the department of 12 human services or other agency in making a foster group care 13 placement. In addition to being the least restrictive 14 setting, the bill requires the placement to also be the most 15 family-like and most appropriate.

16 Code section 232.53, relating to the duration of 17 dispositional orders for children found to have committed a 18 delinquent act, is amended to strike language providing that 19 the order is in force for an indeterminate period. Language 20 remains limiting the duration until the child becomes 18 year 21 of age unless otherwise specified by the court or if 22 terminated sooner by a court action.

23 Code section 232.89, relating to the right to counsel for a 24 child in need of assistance proceeding, is amended to strike 25 language prohibiting the right to counsel for an incarcerated 26 parent without legal custody of the child. The stricken 27 language was enacted in 1996 Iowa Acts, chapter 1193 (H.F. 28 2458). This section takes effect upon enactment.

Code section 232.101, relating to child in need of 29 30 assistance court orders for supervised retention of custody of 31 a child by the parent, is amended. The amendment reduces from 32 18 months to 12 months the period of time for an initial court 33 order providing for the supervised retention of custody by the 34 parent.

Code section 232.102, relating to transfer of custody and 35

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1 placement of a child found by the court to be in need of 2 assistance, is amended to require that additional criteria be 3 used by the department of human services or other agency in 4 making a foster group care placement. In addition to being 5 the least restrictive setting, the placement must also be the 6 most family-like and most appropriate setting.

7 Code section 232.163, part of the interstate compact on the 8 placement of children statute relating to visitation, 9 inspection, or supervision of a child in placement, is amended 10 concerning visitation of a child placed outside the state of 11 the parent's residency. The amendment requires the placement 12 agency to provide for a visit of the child and a report to the 13 court at least every 12 months.

14 Code section 232.175, relating to oversight of voluntary 15 foster care placement of a child with mental retardation or 16 other disability, is amended. The amendment reduces from 18 17 months to 12 months the time interval for periodic court 18 oversight.

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29 names of the children placed and of the persons with whom the 30 placements were made.

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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

CHARLES M. PALMER, DIRECTOR

February 3, 1997

TO: Members of the General Assembly

FR: Department of Human Services Karla F. McHenry, Legislative Liaison KFM

The Department of Human Services is proposing legislation relating to child welfare provisions involving juvenile justice dispositional orders, hearings, and placements and providing an effective date. Some of the changes include: dispositional review hearings more frequently (every 12 months as opposed to every 18 months); additional criteria to be used by the Department of Human services or other agency in making a foster group care placement, requires the placement to be the most family-like and most appropriate; maintains language limiting the duration of dispositional orders for children until the child becomes 18 years of age unless otherwise specified by the court or if terminated sooner by a court action; strikes language prohibiting the right to counsel for an incarcerated parent without legal custody of the child as it relates to the right to counsel for a child in need of assistance proceeding; reduces from 18 months to 12 months the period of time for an initial court order providing for the supervised retention of custody by the parent; requires that additional criteria be used by the Department of Human Services or other agency in making a foster group care placement, the placement must be the most family-like and most appropriate setting; requires the placement agency (Interstate Compact) to provide for a visit of the child and a report to the court at least every 12 months; reduces from 18 months to 12 months the time interval for periodic court oversight of voluntary foster care placement of a child with mental retardation or other disability; reduces from 18 months to 12 months the time period authorized for the court to hold a dispositional hearing concerning the initial placement of the child in foster care and for periodic dispositional hearings concerning a child in placement for the voluntary foster care placement of a child with a disability; and repeals code section 238.30 relating to reports by child-placing agencies concerning children placed by the agencies, therefore repealing the requirement for monthly reports with names of the children placed and of the persons with whom the placements were made.





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for placement in foster group care, the department or agency shall make every reasonable effort to place the child within the state, in the least restrictive<u>, most family-like, and</u> <u>most appropriate</u> setting available and in close proximity to the parents' home, consistent with the child's best interests and special needs, and shall consider the placement's proximity to the school in which the child is enrolled at the time of placement.

Sec. 3. Section 232.89, subsection 1, Code 1997, is amended to read as follows:

1. Upon the filing of a petition the parent, guardian, or custodian identified in the petition shall have the right to counsel in connection with all subsequent hearings and proceedings. If that person desires but is financially unable to employ counsel, the court shall appoint counsel. However, an-incarcerated-parent-without-legal-custody-shall-not-have the-right-to-counsel.

Sec. 4. Section 232.101, subsection 2, Code 1997, is amended to read as follows:

2. The duration of any period of supervision or other terms or conditions shall be for an initial period of no more than <u>eighteen twelve</u> months and the court, at the expiration of that period, upon a hearing and for good cause shown, may make not more than two successive extensions of such supervision or other terms or conditions of up to twelve months each.

Sec. 5. Section 232.102, subsection 7, Code 1997, is amended to read as follows:

7. In any order transferring custody to the department or an agency, or in orders pursuant to a custody order, the court shall specify the nature and category of disposition which will serve the best interests of the child, and shall prescribe the means by which the placement shall be monitored by the court. If the court orders the transfer of the custody of the child to the department of human services or other

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AN ACT

RELATING TO CHILD WELFARE PROVISIONS INVOLVING JUVENILE JUSTICE DISPOSITIONAL ORDERS, HEARINGS, AND PLACEMENTS AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Section 1. Section 232.50, subsection 2, Code 1997, is amended to read as follows:

2. The court shall hold a periodic dispositional review hearing for each child in placement pursuant to section 232.52, subsection 2, paragraph "d" or "e", to determine the future disposition status of the child. The hearings shall not be waived or continued beyond eighteen <u>twelve</u> months after the last dispositional hearing or dispositional review hearing.

Sec. 2. Section 232.52, subsection 7, Code 1997, is amended to read as follows:

7. If the court orders the transfer of the custody of the child to the department of human services or to another agency

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agency for placement, the department or agency shall submit a case permanency plan to the court and shall make every reasonable effort to return the child to the child's home as quickly as possible consistent with the best interest of the child. When the child is not returned to the child's home and if the child has been previously placed in a licensed foster care facility, the department or agency shall consider placing the child in the same licensed foster care facility. If the court orders the transfer of custody to a relative or other suitable person, the court may direct the department or other agency to provide services to the child's parent, guardian, or custodian in order to enable them to resume custody of the child. If the court orders the transfer of custody to the department of human services or to another agency for placement in foster group care, the department or agency shall make every reasonable effort to place the child within Iowa, in the least restrictive, most family-like, and most appropriate setting available, and in close proximity to the parents' home, consistent with the child's best interests and special needs, and shall consider the placement's proximity to the school in which the child is enrolled at the time of placement.

Sec. 6. Section 232.163, Code 1997, is amended to read as follows:

232.163 VISITATION, INSPECTION OR SUPERVISION.

1. Any requirements for visitation, inspection, or supervision of children, homes, institutions, or other agencies in another party state which may apply under the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed to be met if performed pursuant to an agreement entered into by appropriate officers or agencies of this state or a subdivision thereof of this state as contemplated by paragraph "b" of article V of the interstate compact on the placement of children.

2. If a child is placed outside the residency state of the child's parent, the placement agency shall provide for a

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designee to visit the child at least once every twelve months and to submit a written report to the court concerning the child and the visit.

Sec. 7. Section 232.175, Code 1997, is amended to read as follows:

232.175 PLACEMENT OVERSIGHT.

Placement oversight shall be provided pursuant to this division when the parent, guardian, or custodian of a child with mental retardation or other developmental disability requests placement of the child for a period of more than thirty days. The oversight shall be provided through review of the placement every six months by the department's foster care review committees or by a local citizen foster care review board. Court oversight shall be provided prior to the initial placement and at periodic intervals which shall not exceed eighteen <u>twelve</u> months. It is the purpose and policy of this division to assure the existence of oversight safeguards as required by the federal Child Welfare Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96-272, as codified in 42 U.S.C. § 671(a)(16), 627(a)(2)(B), and 675(1),(5), while maintaining parental decision-making authority.

Sec. 8. Section 232.183, subsection 2, Code 1997, is amended to read as follows:

2. The dispositional hearing shall be held within eighteen twelve months of the date the child was placed in foster care.

Sec. 9. Section 232.183, subsection 6, Code 1997, is amended to read as follows:

6. With respect to each child whose placement was approved pursuant to subsection 5, the court shall continue to hold periodic dispositional hearings. The hearings shall not be waived or continued beyond eighteen twelve months following the last dispositional hearing. After a dispositional hearing, the court shall enter one of the dispositional orders authorized under subsection 5.

Sec. 10. Section 238.30, Code 1997, is repealed.

Sec. 11. EFFECTIVE DATE. Code section 232.89, as amended by this Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

> RON J. CORBETT Speaker of the House

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MARY E. KRAMER President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 376, Seventy-seventh General Assembly.

Approved

ELIZABETH ISAACSON Chief Clerk of the House 1997

TERRY E. BRANSTAD Governor

