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HUMAN RESOURCES

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for a study of youth services and providing an
2 effective date.

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

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1 Section 1. YOUTH SERVICES TASK FORCE.

2 1. The governor shall establish a task force to conduct a
3 comprehensive review of the existing services and programs for
4 youth in this state. The purpose of the review is to
5 determine whether the coordination of programs for youth would
6 be improved by creation of a separate state department for
7 youth services or by other means. The review may also
8 consider the funding mechanisms for the services and programs,
9 agencies involved in program and service delivery, areas of
10 overlap, and approaches used and experiences of other states
11 in providing youth services.

12 2. The membership of the task force shall include
13 representatives of agencies that provide direct services
14 targeted to youth, including but not limited to the
15 departments of education, human services, public health, and
16 public safety; the judicial branch; and youth services
17 providers and youth services advocates.

18 3. The task force shall submit a final report to the
19 governor and general assembly on or before December 15, 2000,
20 containing recommendations, fiscal analyses, and other
21 information deemed pertinent by the task force.

22 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
23 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

24 EXPLANATION

25 This bill directs the governor to establish a task force to
26 conduct a comprehensive review of youth services. The purpose
27 of the review is to determine whether the coordination of
28 programs for youth would be improved by creation of a separate
29 state department for youth services or by other means. The
30 bill provides for the task force's membership and a report
31 deadline of December 15, 2000.

32 The bill takes effect upon enactment.

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