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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for review of deaths of children under the age
2 of eighteen by the child death review team.

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

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2 1999, is amended to read as follows:

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6 children age ~~six~~ eighteen or younger, and other information as
7 the review team deems appropriate for use in preparing an
8 annual report to the governor and the general assembly
9 concerning the causes and manner of child deaths. The report
10 shall include analysis of factual information obtained through
11 review and recommendations regarding prevention of child
12 deaths.

13 EXPLANATION

14 This bill amends the duties of the child death review team,
15 to require review of all deaths of children age 18 and
16 younger, rather than only those under the age of six.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the General Assembly
FROM: Anne Bunz, Legislative Liaison
DATE: January 10, 2000
SUBJECT: Iowa Child Death Review Team

The Iowa Child Death Review team reviews child deaths, describes patterns of child deaths and provides recommendations regarding prevention of child deaths to the Governor, state agencies, and the Legislature.

Currently, the law provides that the Team look at information concerning the deaths of children age six or younger. Unfortunately, the Team does not have the authority to review death cases in children older than the age of six - children who also die from preventable deaths such as suicides, homicides, motor vehicle crashes, etc.

This legislative proposal will allow these experts to review deaths of children up to the age of eighteen years. This proposal enables the Team to have a better understanding of how **all children** are dying and to provide recommendations on how to prevent and reduce the number child deaths in the state of Iowa.

3/24/00 *reversion*
S. 3/8/00 *Do Pass*

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Place On Calendar

HOUSE FILE 2365
BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 597)

Passed House, ^(P.490) Date 2/29/00 Passed Senate, ^(P.774) Date 3-21-00
Vote: Ayes 98 Nays 1 Vote: Ayes 47 Nays 0
Approved 4/5/00

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**HOUSE FILE 2365
FISCAL NOTE**

A fiscal note for **House File 2365** 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 2365 expands the ages of child deaths required to be reviewed by the Child Death Review Team from the current age of six and under to age eighteen and under.

ASSUMPTIONS

1. The Child Death Review Team currently reviews approximately 320 deaths per year (ages 0-6).
2. Expanding the death review responsibility would add 175 reviews per year.
3. Reviewing the additional deaths would cause an increase in the number of meetings from eight or nine per year to one per month, and cause increased staff costs for meetings, travel, and related support.
4. The FY 2000 funding level would be maintained.

FISCAL IMPACT

The provisions of HF 2365 would not have a significant General Fund impact. The additional costs resulting from the Bill could be absorbed within the current program funding, assuming the FY 2000 funding level is maintained.

However, for FY 2000, the Department of Public Health had approximately \$60,000 available to support the work of the Child Death Review Team: General Funds of \$15,000 and the remainder of a three-year private grant for \$48,000. The grant expired in December 1999, so there is currently only \$15,000 available to support the work of the Child Death Review Team in FY 2001. This would be insufficient to support the work, even without the responsibility of reviewing deaths up to age 18.

SOURCE

Department of Public Health

(LSB 5180hv, VMT)

FILED FEBRUARY 29, 2000

BY DENNIS PROUTY, FISCAL DIRECTOR

obtained through review and recommendations regarding prevention of child deaths.

BRENT SIEGRIST
Speaker of the House

MARY E. KRAMER
President of the Senate

HOUSE FILE 2365

AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR REVIEW OF DEATHS OF CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN BY THE CHILD DEATH REVIEW TEAM.

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

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I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 2365, Seventy-eighth General Assembly.

ELIZABETH ISAACSON
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved 4/5, 2000

THOMAS J. VILSACK
Governor