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HUMAN RESOURCES

HOUSE FILE 367
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to reimbursement for certain functions of the
2 department of human services assumed by counties.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 217.44 FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT
2 POSITIONS REDUCED -- COUNTY REIMBURSEMENT.

3 If a resignation, retirement, or dismissal reducing the
4 number of full-time equivalent positions responsible for
5 providing or coordinating the provision of mental health or
6 mental retardation services in a local office of the
7 department causes the county to which the local office is
8 assigned to assume responsibilities previously performed by a
9 departmental employee in such a position, the department shall
10 reimburse the county for the increase in costs connected with
11 the responsibilities assumed. In order to receive
12 reimbursement, the county shall provide documentation as
13 prescribed by rule of the department. The department shall
14 adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to implement this section.

15 EXPLANATION

16 This bill provides that if the number of full-time
17 equivalent positions providing or coordinating services for
18 persons with mental retardation or mental health needs is
19 reduced in a local office of the department of human services,
20 and the county to which the local office is assigned must
21 assume the responsibilities of the position, the county is to
22 be reimbursed by the department for the costs connected with
23 the responsibilities assumed.

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