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A BILL FOR

1 An Act directing the state-county management committee to review
2 and make recommendations concerning service availability for
3 persons with autism.

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

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1 Section 1. REVIEW OF AUTISM SERVICES AND SUPPORT --
2 REPORT. The state-county management committee shall review
3 the availability of services and other support for children
4 and adults with autism and their families. The committee
5 shall consider associated issues involving equity, any
6 prerequisites for families to access service funding such as
7 having to undergo court proceedings for removal of custody or
8 to obtain treatment for a secondary diagnosis for which
9 funding is available, and the geographic availability of
10 services for persons with expensive or difficult-to-treat
11 conditions. The committee may consult with the mental health
12 and developmental disabilities commission, persons with autism
13 and their families, and service providers and advocates in
14 performing the review. A report of the review containing
15 findings and recommendations shall be submitted to the
16 governor and the general assembly in January 2000.

17 EXPLANATION

18 This bill directs the state-county management committee for
19 mental health, and mental retardation and other developmental
20 disability services to perform a service availability review
21 concerning persons with autism.

22 The committee is to report to the governor and general
23 assembly with findings and recommendations in January 2000.

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