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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for the establishment of an obstetrical brachial
2 plexus palsy referral program at the university of Iowa
3 hospitals and clinics.

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

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SF 252 HUMAN RESOURCES

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 135.26 OBSTETRICAL BRACHIAL
2 PLEXUS PALSY REFERRALS.

3 The child neurology team at the university of Iowa
4 hospitals and clinics shall establish an obstetrical brachial
5 plexus palsy analysis and referral unit. The unit shall
6 develop and maintain a database listing clinics or programs
7 offered throughout the county specializing in obstetrical
8 brachial plexus palsy corrective surgical procedures and
9 treatments, the types and numbers of procedures performed in
10 each program, and contacts for additional information or
11 consultation. In every case where a diagnosis of obstetrical
12 brachial plexus palsy is made, either involving infants
13 delivered at the university hospitals and clinics, or referred
14 to the university hospitals and clinics, the parents or legal
15 guardians of an infant so diagnosed shall be made aware of the
16 existence of the referral unit and given the opportunity to
17 consult with a staff member affiliated with the unit regarding
18 the possibility of a referral to a facility specializing in
19 obstetrical brachial plexus palsy corrective procedures.

20 EXPLANATION

21 This bill provides for the establishment of an obstetrical
22 brachial plexus palsy referral program at the university of
23 Iowa hospitals and clinics. The bill provides that the child
24 neurology team at the university hospitals and clinics will
25 develop and maintain a database listing clinics or programs
26 offered throughout the county specializing in obstetrical
27 brachial plexus palsy corrective surgical procedures, the
28 types and numbers of procedures performed in each program, and
29 contacts for additional information or consultation. The bill
30 additionally provides that in every case when obstetrical
31 brachial plexus palsy is diagnosed, either involving infants
32 delivered at the university hospitals and clinics, or referred
33 there, the parents or legal guardians of the infant will be
34 informed of the existence of the referral unit and given the
35 opportunity to consult with a staff member there regarding the

1 possibility of surgical treatment at another facility
2 specializing in obstetrical brachial plexus palsy corrective
3 procedures.

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