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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for the development of a plan for alternative
2 housing arrangements for elders.

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

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1 Section 1. ALTERNATIVE HOUSING ARRANGEMENTS FOR ELDERS IN
2 ABUSIVE SITUATIONS. The department of elder affairs shall
3 develop a plan for alternative housing arrangements for
4 elders. The goal of the plan shall be the development of a
5 viable and comprehensive alternative housing arrangement
6 proposal for citizens of Iowa over 60 years of age facing
7 removal from their living environment due to the infliction,
8 or potential infliction, of physical or emotional abuse. The
9 plan shall include an assessment of the number of individuals
10 estimated by the department to be at risk for such removal,
11 currently available housing options, alternative options which
12 will provide an affordable and secure living environment, and
13 the estimated cost of providing the alternative housing
14 arrangements and administering an alternative housing
15 arrangements for elders program. The plan shall be developed
16 by November 1, 2001. Copies of the plan shall be submitted to
17 members of the general assembly by January 15, 2002.

18 It is the intent of the general assembly to appropriate an
19 amount of funding for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002,
20 and ending June 30, 2003, sufficient to implement the
21 alternative housing arrangements for elders plan and
22 administer an ongoing alternative housing arrangements for
23 elders program.

24 EXPLANATION

25 This bill requires the department of elder affairs to
26 develop a plan to address alternative housing arrangements for
27 citizens of Iowa over 60 years of age facing removal from
28 their living environment due to the infliction, or potential
29 infliction, of physical or emotional abuse. The bill provides
30 that the plan shall include an assessment of the number of
31 individuals estimated by the department to be at risk for
32 removal, options currently available to them, alternative
33 housing options which will provide an affordable and secure
34 living environment, and the estimated cost of providing the
35 alternative housing arrangements and administering an

1 alternative housing arrangements for elders program. The bill
2 provides that the plan shall be developed by November 1, 2001,
3 with copies submitted to members of the general assembly by
4 January 15, 2002. The bill provides intent language regarding
5 an appropriation for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002,
6 and ending June 30, 2003, sufficient to implement the plan and
7 administer an alternative housing arrangements for elders
8 program.

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