

# Senate Study Bill 1069

## Bill Text

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1 1 Section 1. PRESCRIPTION DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. The Iowa  
1 2 department of public health in cooperation with the department  
1 3 of human services shall develop a proposal for the  
1 4 establishment of a prescription drug assistance program. The  
1 5 purpose of the program shall be to serve low-income persons 65  
1 6 years of age or older and low-income persons with disabilities  
1 7 who are not eligible for medical assistance and who require  
1 8 prescription drugs to treat a condition which, if left  
1 9 untreated, could result in the person's admission to a health  
1 10 care facility or could result in the person qualifying for  
1 11 medical assistance. In developing the proposal, the Iowa  
1 12 department of public health shall do all of the following:  
1 13 1. Identify health conditions that require prescription  
1 14 drug treatment and which if not treated may lead to admission  
1 15 to a health care facility or result in qualifying for medical  
1 16 assistance.  
1 17 2. Identify the group of low-income persons 65 years of  
1 18 age or older and low-income persons with disabilities who are  
1 19 in most need of assistance.  
1 20 3. Estimate the number of persons potentially eligible for  
1 21 assistance under the program.  
1 22 4. Identify appropriate limitations on levels of  
1 23 assistance.  
1 24 5. Estimate the cost of providing assistance and the cost  
1 25 of administering the program.  
1 26 6. Review similar programs in other states.  
1 27 7. Develop a simple and cost-effective system for  
1 28 administering the program.  
1 29 8. Develop a timetable for program implementation.  
1 30 9. Explore ways to develop a public-private partnership to  
1 31 provide funding for the program.  
1 32 10. Conduct any other activities that will assist in the  
1 33 development of a proposal.  
1 34 The Iowa department of public health shall submit a  
1 35 proposal to the general assembly and the governor no later  
2 1 than September 1, 2001. The proposal shall include several  
2 2 options for consideration.

### EXPLANATION

2 3 This bill directs the Iowa department of public health  
2 4 (DPH) in cooperation with the department of human services to  
2 5 develop a proposal for a prescription drug assistance program.  
2 6 The program would provide assistance to low-income persons who  
2 7 are 65 years of age or older and to low-income persons with  
2 8 disabilities with certain conditions. The bill directs the  
2 9 DPH to consider certain items in developing the proposal and  
2 10 requires the DPH to submit a proposal by September 1, 2001 to  
2 11 the general assembly and the governor.  
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