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STATE GOVERNMENT

HOUSE FILE 2118
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the statutory duties of the commission of
2 Latino affairs regarding Spanish language interpreter
3 qualifications.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 216A.15, subsection 9, Code 2003, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 9. ~~Maintain-information-on~~ Adopt rules pursuant to chapter
4 17A to develop a mechanism to ensure the qualifications of
5 Spanish language interpreters and maintain and provide a list
6 of those deemed qualified to Iowa courts, or administrative
7 agencies, social service agencies, and health agencies, as
8 requested.

9 EXPLANATION

10 This bill provides that the commission of Latino affairs
11 shall adopt rules pursuant to Code chapter 17A to develop a
12 mechanism to ensure Spanish language interpreter
13 qualifications. Currently, the commission is required simply
14 to maintain information on such qualifications as one of its
15 statutory duties. The bill also provides that the commission
16 shall provide a list of qualified Spanish language
17 interpreters to a list of agencies and entities which has been
18 expanded to include social service agencies and health
19 agencies.

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