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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act providing for the department of elder affairs to assume  
2 authority over appropriations affecting the elderly.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 231.23B FUNDING.

2 1. It is the intent of the general assembly that  
3 commencing with the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005, all  
4 state funding for services to the elderly will be appropriated  
5 to the department. The funding affected shall include but is  
6 not limited to the appropriations to the department of human  
7 services for the medical assistance program under chapter  
8 249A. The department may administer funding appropriated to  
9 the department as provided in this section by contracting with  
10 public and private agencies as necessary to best meet the  
11 needs of elders and to utilize the funding in the most cost-  
12 effective manner.

13 2. The department of human services shall assist the  
14 department of elder affairs by identifying all funding sources  
15 and appropriations described in subsection 1 that are  
16 administered by the department of human services and reporting  
17 the information to the department of elder affairs on or  
18 before September 15, 2004. The department of elder affairs  
19 shall utilize this and other information to develop a budget  
20 and funding plan for implementation of subsection 1. The plan  
21 shall be submitted by December 15, 2004, to the governor and  
22 general assembly. The report shall include the funding  
23 sources and appropriations identified and recommendations as  
24 to how the funding sources and appropriations may be shifted  
25 to the department of elder affairs with minimal disruption of  
26 services. This subsection is repealed July 1, 2005.

27 EXPLANATION

28 This bill states legislative intent for the department of  
29 elder affairs to assume authority over appropriations  
30 affecting the elderly commencing in fiscal year 2005-2006.  
31 The department is authorized to administer the funding  
32 appropriated to the department by contracting with public or  
33 private agencies. "Elderly" is defined in Code chapter 231 to  
34 mean individuals 60 years of age or older.

35 The department of human services is to assist the

1 department of elder affairs in identifying the applicable  
2 funding sources and appropriations by reporting to the  
3 department of elder affairs by September 15, 2004. The  
4 department is directed to report to the governor and general  
5 assembly by December 15, 2004, regarding the funding sources  
6 and appropriations identified and making recommendations as to  
7 how the funding sources and appropriations may be moved to the  
8 department with minimal disruption of services. The study  
9 requirement is repealed July 1, 2005.

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