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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requesting the supreme court to convene a study to
2 consider issues relating to the functions performed by mental
3 health patient advocates.

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

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1 Section 1. STUDY GROUP. The supreme court is requested to
2 convene a study group to consider issues relating to the
3 functions performed by patient advocates appointed under
4 chapter 229 and the interaction of patient advocates with
5 other portions of the legal and service systems for persons
6 with mental illness. The study group membership should
7 include but is not limited to representatives of the
8 following: judicial branch, county boards of supervisors,
9 patient advocates, county single entry point process
10 administrators, persons with mental illness, case managers,
11 and attorneys who provide legal representation of persons
12 alleged to have a serious mental impairment. If established,
13 the study group shall issue a report to the judicial branch,
14 governor, and general assembly with findings and
15 recommendations on or before December 15, 2004.

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EXPLANATION

17 This bill requests the supreme court to convene a study
18 group to consider issues relating to the functions performed
19 by mental health patient advocates. The bill suggests
20 interests to be represented in the study group membership and
21 addresses submission of a report with findings and
22 recommendations.

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