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HUMAN RESOURCES

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act stating legislative intent to fully fund newborn  
2 visitation services in order to make these services available  
3 statewide by a future date.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 28.2, Code 2003, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 5. It is the intent of the general  
4 assembly that as part of building the capacity and commitment  
5 of local communities to meet the desired results stated in  
6 subsection 2, that newborn visitation services will be fully  
7 funded as necessary to make these services available statewide  
8 by the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005.

9 EXPLANATION

10 This bill states legislative intent to fully fund newborn  
11 visitation services in order to make these services available  
12 statewide by the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005. The bill  
13 codifies the statement of intent in Code section 28.3,  
14 relating to the purpose and scope of the community empowerment  
15 Act. The bill provides that full funding of the newborn  
16 visitation services will be provided in order to meet the  
17 desired results for the community empowerment Act as stated in  
18 current law. These desired results are: healthy children,  
19 children ready to succeed in school, safe and supportive  
20 communities, secure and nurturing families, and secure and  
21 nurturing child care environments.

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