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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for a study of mental health treatment in
2 correctional settings.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. STUDY OF MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT IN
2 CORRECTIONAL SETTINGS.

3 1. During 2003, the division of criminal and juvenile
4 justice planning of the department of human rights shall
5 conduct a study of mental health treatment in correctional
6 settings. The division shall submit a report including
7 findings and recommendations to the governor and general
8 assembly no later than January 2004. It is the intent of the
9 general assembly that the relevant standing committees and
10 appropriations subcommittees, including the committees on
11 human resources and on judiciary and the joint appropriations
12 subcommittees on health and human services and on the justice
13 system, will receive a presentation on the study during the
14 2004 legislative session.

15 2. In performing the study, the division may involve the
16 membership of the criminal and juvenile justice planning
17 advisory council and other knowledgeable persons who may
18 include any of the following:

19 a. Members of the general assembly with expertise in the
20 justice system, human services, mental health, or substance
21 abuse treatment.

22 b. Persons with expertise from the university of Iowa,
23 including the Iowa consortium for mental health services,
24 training, and research.

25 c. Representatives of the following state agencies and
26 bodies: departments of corrections, human services, and
27 public health, mental health and developmental disabilities
28 commission, mental health planning council, and board of
29 parole.

30 d. Representatives of the Iowa state association of
31 counties who are involved with mental health services.

32 e. Persons involved with the Iowa mental health forum
33 conducted by the state public policy group and consumers and
34 family members of consumers of mental health services.

35 f. Persons who have conducted studies on this topic from

1 the sixth judicial district department of correctional
2 services and other representatives of the community-based
3 corrections system.

4 3. The division may request technical assistance and other
5 support from any agency associated with the three branches of
6 state government, and from local and national sources.

7 EXPLANATION

8 This bill directs the division of criminal and juvenile
9 justice planning of the department of human rights to conduct
10 a study of mental health treatment in correctional settings
11 during 2003. The study report must be submitted to the
12 governor and general assembly by January 2004 and legislative
13 intent is stated for various legislative committees and
14 appropriations subcommittees to receive a presentation
15 concerning the study.

16 The division may involve various persons in performing the
17 study and may request assistance from any agency connected
18 with a branch of state government, or other sources.

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