

SENATE FILE 228
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act concerning the commission on the status of women by adding
2 men to the scope of the commission and modifying the
3 commission's objectives.

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

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STATE GOVERNMENT

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

3 2. Division on the status of men and women.

4 Sec. 2. Section 216A.51, Code 2003, is amended to read as
5 follows:

6 216A.51 DEFINITIONS.

7 For purposes of this subchapter, unless the context
8 otherwise requires:

9 1. "Administrator" means the administrator of the division
10 on the status of men and women of the department of human
11 rights.

12 2. "Commission" means the commission on the status of men
13 and women.

14 3. "Division" means the division on the status of men and
15 women of the department of human rights.

16 Sec. 3. Section 216A.52, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code
17 2003, is amended to read as follows:

18 The commission on the status of men and women is created,
19 composed of thirteen members as follows:

20 Sec. 4. Section 216A.55, Code 2003, is amended to read as
21 follows:

22 216A.55 OBJECTIVES OF COMMISSION.

23 The commission shall study the changing needs and problems
24 of the men and women of this state, and develop and recommend
25 new programs and constructive action to the governor and the
26 general assembly, including but not limited to, the following
27 areas:

28 1. Public and private employment policies and practices.

29 2. ~~Iowa-labor-laws~~ Cultural biases and stereotypes,
30 beginning with childhood experiences and progress in public
31 schools that may uniquely affect men or women, and extending
32 to include a study of suicide.

33 3. ~~Legal-treatment-relating-to-political-and-civil-rights~~
34 Health problems unique to men or women or which predominately
35 affect either men or women.

1 4. ~~The-family-and-the-employed-woman~~ Career skills
2 development and continuing education programs for men and
3 women of all ages to promote productive and responsible
4 citizens.

5 5. ~~Expanded-programs-to-help-women-as-wives,-mothers,-and~~
6 ~~workers~~ Adult concerns, such as family relations, promoting
7 education, and policies which bring parents and children
8 closer together.

9 ~~6---Women-as-citizen-volunteers-~~

10 7- 6. Education issues and concerns that may uniquely
11 affect boys or girls, including reading, language, and math
12 skills development.

13 Sec. 5. Section 216A.57, Code 2003, is amended to read as
14 follows:

15 216A.57 DUTIES.

16 The commission shall:

17 1. Serve as a clearinghouse on programs and agencies
18 operating to assist men and women.

19 2. Conduct conferences.

20 3. Cooperate with governmental agencies to assist them in
21 equalizing opportunities between men and women in employment
22 and in expanding ~~women's~~ the rights and opportunities of men
23 and women.

24 4. Serve as the central permanent agency for the
25 development of services for men and women.

26 5. Cooperate with public and private agencies in joint
27 efforts to study and resolve problems relating to the status
28 of men and women.

29 6. Publish and disseminate information relating to men and
30 women and develop other educational programs.

31 7. Provide assistance to organized efforts by communities,
32 organizations, associations, and other groups working toward
33 the improvement of ~~women's~~ the status of men and women.

34 Sec. 6. Section 241.3, subsection 2, Code 2003, is amended
35 to read as follows:

1 2. The department shall consult and cooperate with the
2 department of workforce development, the United States
3 commissioner of social security administration, the division
4 of the status of men and women of the department of human
5 rights, the department of education, and other persons in the
6 executive branch of the state government as the department
7 considers appropriate to facilitate the coordination of
8 multipurpose service programs established under this chapter
9 with existing programs of a similar nature.

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EXPLANATION

11 This bill provides that the current commission on the
12 status of women is expanded to include both men and women.
13 The bill also changes the current objectives of the commission
14 to include examination of issues of men and women relating to
15 cultural biases and stereotypes, suicide, health problems,
16 career skills development and continuing education programs,
17 parents and their children, and education.

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