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SENATE FILE 261

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a planning group for merging the departments
 2 of human services and public health and providing an effective
 3 date.

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

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 GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT

1 Section 1. PLANNING GROUP ESTABLISHED.

2 1. A planning group is established to develop a plan for
3 merging the department of human services and the Iowa
4 department of public health. The plan shall provide for
5 merger activities to commence immediately upon enactment of
6 authorizing legislation by the Eightieth General Assembly,
7 2004 Regular Session, and for the merger to be completed by
8 June 30, 2005. The plan may provide for any individual unit
9 of either department to be shifted to another appropriate
10 state agency rather than remaining within the merged
11 department. Staff support for the planning group shall be
12 provided by the two departments. The planning group's report
13 and plan shall be submitted to the governor and general
14 assembly on or before December 15, 2003.

15 2. The merger plan shall be designed to achieve the
16 following goals:

17 a. Provide for a more effective delivery of services to
18 the service consumers of the combined department.

19 b. Create financial efficiencies in administration of the
20 programs administered by the combined department.

21 c. Create more accountability within the combined
22 department.

23 3. The membership of the planning group shall be as
24 follows:

25 a. The directors of the two departments or the directors'
26 designees.

27 b. A member of the Iowa empowerment board appointed by
28 that board.

29 c. A representative of the governor appointed by the
30 governor.

31 d. A representative of the American federation of state,
32 county, and municipal employees appointed by council 61.

33 e. A representative of banking or another industry in this
34 state that has experienced significant reorganization or
35 restructuring, appointed by the legislative council.

1 f. The chief executive officer of a united way
2 organization located in Iowa appointed by the legislative
3 council.

4 g. The president of an Iowa resource center for nonprofit
5 organizations appointed by the state board of regents.

6 h. The president of the university of northern Iowa.

7 i. The president of the largest private employer in the
8 state or the president's designee, appointed by the
9 legislative council.

10 j. An individual retired as president of the state's
11 largest private health insurer who has served as mayor of
12 Iowa's largest city, designated by the governor to serve as
13 honorary chairperson.

14 k. Two members of the senate to serve as ex officio,
15 nonvoting members, with one member each appointed by the
16 majority leader and the minority leader of the senate.

17 l. Two members of the house of representatives to serve as
18 ex officio, nonvoting members, with one member each appointed
19 by the speaker of the house and the house minority leader.

20 m. An individual affiliated with a major university public
21 or business administration program appointed by the governor
22 to serve as chairperson.

23 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
24 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

25 EXPLANATION

26 This bill establishes a planning group for merging the
27 departments of human services and public health. The group is
28 directed to develop a plan for submission to the governor and
29 general assembly by December 15, 2003. The plan is to provide
30 for the merger to commence effective upon enactment of
31 authorizing legislation during the 2004 Legislative Session
32 and for the merger to be completed by June 30, 2005.

33 The plan is to be designed to achieve certain goals
34 specified in the bill.

35 Various individuals affiliated with public and private

1 organizations in the state are to be appointed to the planning
2 group.

3 The bill takes effect upon enactment.

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