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BY COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 228)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for a study on issues affecting men.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN -- STUDY --
2 MALE ISSUES.

3 1. The commission on the status of women shall conduct a
4 study of issues generally affecting men and submit a report to
5 the general assembly by January 1, 2004, with its findings and
6 recommendations. The commission shall establish a planning
7 group with members that have particular experience or training
8 in issues affecting men to conduct the study.

9 2. In conducting the study, the planning group shall
10 examine, at a minimum, the following issues:

11 a. Establishment of a separate commission dedicated to
12 issues concerning men.

13 b. Examine gender-specific self-esteem, stereotyping, and
14 cultural bias issues that may uniquely affect men and boys.

15 c. Establishment of all-male mathematics and science
16 classes.

17 d. Career skills development and continuing education
18 programs to promote productive and responsible citizens.

19 e. Expanded programs to address the responsibility and
20 joys of marriage, faithfulness to spouse, communication
21 skills, responsibility to children financially and
22 emotionally, and joint management of the home.

23 f. Addressing unique health problems of men including
24 cancer, heart disease, and alcohol problems that often lead to
25 severe depression and suicide.

26 EXPLANATION

27 This bill provides that the commission on the status of
28 women shall conduct a study of issues affecting men and submit
29 a report to the general assembly by January 1, 2004, with its
30 findings and recommendations. The bill provides that the
31 commission shall establish a planning group to conduct the
32 study whose members shall have experience and training in
33 issues affecting men. In conducting the study, the group
34 shall examine issues related to establishing a separate
35 commission on issues concerning men, gender-specific cultural

1 biases, male mathematics and science classes, career skills
2 development, marital issues, and health issues.

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