HOUSE FILE 2345

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act creating a criminal code revisions task force.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1   Section 1.   CRIMINAL CODE REVISIONS TASK FORCE.

2   1.   The division of criminal and juvenile justice planning

3 of the department of human rights shall establish a task force

4 to study and propose revisions to the criminal code including

5 establishing greater uniformity and proportionality among

6 criminal penalties, clarifying and removing conflicting

7 provisions, reorganizing chapters to enhance the overall

8 readability of the criminal code, and any other proposals the

9 task force deems necessary that are within the overall

10 framework of revising the criminal code.   The task force shall

11 file a report with recommendations with the general assembly

12 by December 15, 2007.

13   2.   The membership of the task force shall consist of the

14 following:

15   a.   One member to be selected by the democratic floor

16 leader of the senate.

17   b.   One member to be selected by the republican floor

18 leader of the senate.

19   c.   One member to be selected by the majority leader of the

20 house of representatives.

21   d.   One member to be selected by the minority leader of the

22 house of representatives.

23   e.   One member of the Iowa judges association.

24   f.   One member of the Iowa county attorneys association.

25   g.   One representative of the judicial branch.

26   h.   One member of the Iowa association of the chiefs of

27 police and peace officers.

28   i.   One member of the Iowa state troopers association.

29   j.   One member of the Iowa state sheriffs and deputies

30 association.

31   k.   The attorney general or the attorney general's

32 designee.

33   l.   One representative of the state public defender's

34 office.

35   m.   One representative of the American civil liberties

1 union of Iowa.

2   n.   One representative of the Iowa justice reform
3 consortium.

4   o.   One representative of the department of corrections.

5   p.   One representative of the board of parole.

6   q.   One representative of the Iowa organization of victim
7 assistance.

8   r.   A licensed mental health professional, experienced in
9 counseling criminal offenders, representing the Iowa
10 psychological association.

11   s.   A licensed substance abuse professional, experienced in
12 counseling criminal offenders, representing the Iowa substance
13 abuse program directors' association.

14   t.   A juvenile court officer or chief juvenile court
15 officer, to be selected by the chief juvenile court officers'
16 association.

17   u.   Four persons who have been convicted of a crime in
18 Iowa, to be selected by the governor.

19   v.   Four persons who have been the victim of a crime in
20 Iowa, to be selected by the governor.

21   3.   The organizations or governmental entities selecting a
22 member of the task force shall make every effort to ensure
23 minorities are appointed to the task force.

24   EXPLANATION

25   This bill creates a criminal code revisions task force.
26 The bill provides that the division of criminal and juvenile
27 justice planning of the department of human rights shall
28 establish a task force to study and propose revisions to the
29 criminal code including establishing greater uniformity and
30 proportionality among criminal penalties, clarifying and
31 removing conflicting provisions, reorganizing chapters to
32 enhance the overall readability of the criminal code, and any
33 other proposals the task force deems necessary that are within
34 the overall framework of revising the criminal code.

35   The task force shall consist of 28 members and the task

1 force shall file a report with recommendations with the
2 general assembly by December 15, 2007.
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