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HUMAN RESOURCES

HOUSE FILE 520
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to region and grant requirements for the
2 comprehensive substance abuse treatment program administered
3 by the Iowa department of public health.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 125.12, subsection 1, Code 2005, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. The commission shall review a comprehensive and co-
4 ~~ordinated~~ coordinated program for the treatment of substance
5 abusers, chronic substance abusers, intoxicated persons, and
6 concerned family members. Subject to the review of the
7 commission, the director shall divide the state into
8 appropriate regions for the conduct of the program and
9 establish standards for the development of the program on the
10 regional level. In establishing the regions, consideration
11 shall be given to city and county lines, population
12 concentrations, and existing substance abuse treatment
13 services. In determining the regions, the director is not
14 required to follow the regional map as prepared by the former
15 office for planning and programming. The program is subject
16 to all of the following:

17 a. The regions shall be periodically reviewed and revised
18 to reflect demographic changes and to deliver treatment
19 services in a manner which serves the persons participating in
20 the program as close to the persons' communities as is
21 reasonable. The review and revision shall be repeated at
22 least every ten years.

23 b. A region may consist of a single county.

24 c. A program grant may be awarded to more than one program
25 within a region.

26 d. Prior to awarding grants for a new grant authorization
27 period, the director shall solicit and give equal
28 consideration to all grant applications received.

29 EXPLANATION

30 This bill relates to region and grant requirements for the
31 comprehensive substance abuse program administered by the Iowa
32 department of public health.

33 Current law, in Code section 125.12, requires the director
34 of public health, subject to the review of the commission on
35 substance abuse, to designate the comprehensive program's

1 regions based upon consideration of various factors.

2 The bill requires the regions to be periodically reviewed
3 and revised in order to serve participants as close to the
4 participants' communities as is reasonable; allows a region to
5 consist of a single county; allows grants to be issued to more
6 than one program within a region; and requires solicitation
7 and equal consideration of new applications prior to a new
8 grant authorization period.

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