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HUMAN RESOURCES

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to voluntary mental health screening of teenage
2 youth.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 225C.4, subsection 1, Code 2005, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. t. Work with the departments of education
4 and public health in expanding the availability and public
5 awareness of services making voluntary mental health
6 screenings available to adolescent youth. The purpose of
7 expanding the services is to provide early identification of
8 mental illness, prevent suicides, and link those in need with
9 further assessment. In performing this duty, the
10 administrator shall utilize expertise and funding available
11 under the federal Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act, Pub. L. No.
12 108-355, and other public and private resources providing
13 support for such services.

14 EXPLANATION

15 This bill relates to voluntary mental health screening of
16 teenage youth. The duties of the administrator of the
17 department of human services for mental health, mental
18 retardation, developmental disabilities, and brain injury
19 services are expanded to require the administrator to work
20 with the departments of education and public health in
21 expanding the availability and public awareness of services
22 making voluntary mental health screenings available to
23 adolescent youth. The bill describes the purpose of expanding
24 the services and directs the administrator to make use of
25 expertise and funding available under the federal Garrett Lee
26 Smith Memorial Act and other public and private resources
27 providing support for such services.

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