

1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 143
2 BY BOLKCOM, JOHNSON, RAGAN,
3 SEYMOUR, TINSMAN, and HATCH
4 A Resolution requesting the legislative council to
5 establish an interim committee to conduct a study
6 of issues related to home visiting for families
7 with a newborn child.
8 WHEREAS, newborn support and home visiting programs
9 and services are pillars of the early childhood Iowa
10 strategic plan and important elements for integrating
11 the state's early care, health, and education systems;
12 and
13 WHEREAS, it is recognized that there are existing
14 newborn support and home visiting programs in the
15 state that vary greatly in delivery methods, content
16 of visits, staffing, and target populations, and that
17 parents of newborn children often do not know how to
18 access available community resources; and
19 WHEREAS, there is research and outcome data from
20 other states' models that prove newborn support and
21 home visiting programs reduce child abuse rates; NOW
22 THEREFORE,
23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the legislative
24 council is requested to establish an interim committee
25 for the 2006 Legislative Interim to conduct a study of
26 issues related to home visiting for families with a
27 newborn child; and
28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the interim committee
29 should be charged to provide the governor and the
30 general assembly with recommendations for providing a

1 one-time universal home visit for families with a
2 newborn child; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the interim committee
4 should be charged to consider any of the following
5 information and issues: statewide prevalence of
6 newborn home visits and support programs, content of
7 home visits, linkages and coordination between
8 programs, competencies for home visitor staffing,
9 professional development, strengths and limitations of
10 programs, gaps and barriers, data collection, and
11 evaluation and outcome measures; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the legislative
13 council is requested to appoint the representatives of
14 the following interests as nonvoting members in
15 addition to legislators appointed to serve as voting
16 members: the Iowa department of public health, the
17 department of human services, the department of human
18 rights, the department of education, the Iowa hospital
19 association, the Iowa empowerment board, the community
20 empowerment office of the department of management,
21 the state board of health, family support and home
22 visiting program providers, the business community,
23 consumers, early education providers, and other
24 parties or experts as deemed appropriate by the
25 legislative council; and

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the interim committee
27 should be directed to submit a report to the general
28 assembly for consideration during the 2007 Legislative
29 Session regarding the committee's findings and
30 recommendations on issues related to home visiting,

1 including proposed legislation to provide a universal
2 one-time home visit and support for all families in
3 the state with a newborn child.

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