

Senate Study Bill 3212

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT BILL
BY CO=CHAIRPERSONS COURTNEY
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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:
3 TLSB 6034SC 81
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1 1 Section 1. CRIMINAL CODE REVISIONS TASK FORCE.
1 2 1. The division of criminal and juvenile justice planning
1 3 of the department of human rights shall establish a task force
1 4 to study and propose revisions to the criminal code including
1 5 establishing greater uniformity and proportionality among
1 6 criminal penalties, clarifying and removing conflicting
1 7 provisions, reorganizing chapters to enhance the overall
1 8 readability of the criminal code, and any other proposals the
1 9 task force deems necessary that are within the overall
1 10 framework of revising the criminal code. The task force shall
1 11 file a report with recommendations with the general assembly
1 12 by December 15, 2007.
1 13 2. The membership of the task force shall consist of the
1 14 following:
1 15 a. One member to be selected by the democratic floor
1 16 leader of the senate.
1 17 b. One member to be selected by the republican floor
1 18 leader of the senate.
1 19 c. One member to be selected by the majority leader of the
1 20 house of representatives.
1 21 d. One member to be selected by the minority leader of the
1 22 house of representatives.
1 23 e. One member of the Iowa judges association.
1 24 f. One member of the Iowa county attorneys association.
1 25 g. One representative of the judicial branch.
1 26 h. One member of the Iowa association of the chiefs of
1 27 police and peace officers.
1 28 i. One member of the Iowa state troopers association.
1 29 j. One member of the Iowa state sheriffs and deputies
1 30 association.
1 31 k. The attorney general or the attorney general's
1 32 designee.
1 33 l. One representative of the state public defender's
1 34 office.
1 35 m. One representative of the American civil liberties
2 1 union of Iowa.
2 2 n. One representative of the Iowa justice reform
2 3 consortium.
2 4 o. One representative of the department of corrections.
2 5 p. One representative of the board of parole.
2 6 q. One representative of the Iowa organization of victim
2 7 assistance.
2 8 r. A licensed mental health professional, experienced in
2 9 counseling criminal offenders, representing the Iowa
2 10 psychological association.
2 11 s. A licensed substance abuse professional, experienced in
2 12 counseling criminal offenders, representing the Iowa substance
2 13 abuse program directors' association.
2 14 t. A juvenile court officer or chief juvenile court
2 15 officer, to be selected by the chief juvenile court officers'
2 16 association.

2 17 u. Four persons who have been convicted of a crime in
2 18 Iowa, to be selected by the governor.
2 19 v. Four persons who have been the victim of a crime in
2 20 Iowa, to be selected by the governor.
2 21 3. The organizations or governmental entities selecting a
2 22 member of the task force shall make every effort to ensure
2 23 minorities are appointed to the task force.

2 24 EXPLANATION

2 25 This bill creates a criminal code revisions task force.
2 26 The bill provides that the division of criminal and juvenile
2 27 justice planning of the department of human rights shall
2 28 establish a task force to study and propose revisions to the
2 29 criminal code including establishing greater uniformity and
2 30 proportionality among criminal penalties, clarifying and
2 31 removing conflicting provisions, reorganizing chapters to
2 32 enhance the overall readability of the criminal code, and any
2 33 other proposals the task force deems necessary that are within
2 34 the overall framework of revising the criminal code.

2 35 The task force shall consist of 28 members and the task
3 1 force shall file a report with recommendations with the
3 2 general assembly by December 15, 2007.

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