

House File 390 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring diversity training for judges.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 602.1203, Code 2007, is amended to read
1 2 as follows:
1 3 602.1203 PERSONNEL CONFERENCES.
1 4 1. The chief justice may order conferences of judicial
1 5 officers or court employees on matters relating to the
1 6 administration of justice or the affairs of the judicial
1 7 branch.
1 8 2. For judges and other court employees who handle cases
1 9 involving children and family law, the chief justice shall
1 10 require regular training concerning mental or emotional
1 11 disorders which may afflict children and the impact children
1 12 with such disorders have upon their families.
1 13 3. For all judges, the chief justice shall require regular
1 14 diversity training regarding the impact of the court system on
1 15 women, racial and ethnic minorities, and any other areas the
1 16 chief justice deems appropriate under the circumstances.

1 17 EXPLANATION
1 18 This bill requires diversity training for judges. The bill
1 19 provides that the chief justice shall require regular
1 20 diversity training for judges regarding the impact of the
1 21 court system on women, racial and ethnic minorities, and any
1 22 other areas the chief justice deems appropriate under the
1 23 circumstances.
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