

House Study Bill 727

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1 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. ____
1 2 BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES RESOLUTION
1 3 BY CHAIRPERSON SMITH)
1 4 A Resolution requesting the legislative council to
1 5 authorize a study committee for the 2008 interim to
1 6 review Iowa's system of mental health patient
1 7 advocates appointed by the courts.
1 8 WHEREAS, the mental health patient advocates appointed by
1 9 the courts provide a valuable service in providing a
1 10 competent, independent review to the court of the situations
1 11 of patients hospitalized with a mental illness or serious
1 12 mental impairment; and
1 13 WHEREAS, the patient advocates are primarily appointed by
1 14 the chief judge of each judicial district while the costs for
1 15 an advocate are paid by the patient's county of legal
1 16 settlement and questions have been raised as to whether this
1 17 is the best approach for funding and supporting the patient
1 18 advocates; NOW THEREFORE,
1 19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That the
1 20 legislative council is requested to authorize a study
1 21 committee for the 2008 interim to review the system for mental
1 22 health patient advocates in order to provide recommendations
1 23 for the best means for funding and supporting the system.
1 24 LSB 6360HC 82
1 25 jp/rj/8