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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. ___
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A Concurrent Resolution relating to the establishment of a criminal code revisions legislative study committee.

WHEREAS, a need exists to review, reorganize, update, and revise the criminal code; and

WHEREAS, the last major criminal code revision occurred approximately 30 years ago; and

WHEREAS, many criminal code provisions have been enacted over the previous 30 years that have added a layer of complexity to the existing Iowa criminal code; and

WHEREAS, the general assembly believes that a comprehensive review of the entire criminal justice system, including current criminal penalties and sentencing practices, is necessary to determine the maximum opportunity for the protection of the community, the rehabilitation of offenders, and a more workable and effective criminal justice system; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the legislative council is requested to establish an interim study committee to review, reorganize, update, and revise the criminal code; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee shall consist of no fewer than two members of the senate and two members of the house of representatives, and nonlegislative members having special knowledge in the fields of criminal law and procedure, law enforcement, and justice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That staff assistance shall be provided by the legislative services agency, and additional staff may be employed as deemed necessary by the legislative council and the legislative services agency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee shall submit to the general assembly an interim report during the 2008 legislative session and a final report by January 15, 2009.

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