HOUSE FILE 2451 BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2223)

## A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to the due process rights of persons to be
- 2 placed on the child abuse registry or the dependent adult
- 3 abuse registry.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 235A.12, Code 2009, is amended by adding 2 the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 3. It is the intent of the general assembly 3 4 that Iowans' rights to due process shall be recognized when a 5 state agency is determining if a person is to be placed on the 6 child abuse registry or the dependent adult abuse registry. 7 It is the intent of the general assembly that no Iowan shall 8 be placed on the child abuse registry or the dependent adult 9 abuse registry prior to being notified that they are being 10 investigated for an allegation of abuse. It is the intent of 11 the general assembly that Iowans placed on the child abuse 12 registry and dependent adult abuse registry shall be entitled 13 to a timely administrative hearing and a timely appeal. 14 EXPLANATION This bill establishes legislative intent that no Iowan shall 15 16 be placed on the child abuse registry or the dependent adult 17 abuse registry prior to being notified that they are being 18 investigated for an allegation of abuse and be accorded a

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19 timely administrative hearing and appeal.