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A BILL FOR

1 An Act creating an Iowa collaboration for youth development
2 council and state of Iowa youth advisory council in the
3 department of human rights.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 216A.132A IOWA COLLABORATION FOR
1 2 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL == STATE OF IOWA YOUTH ADVISORY
1 3 COUNCIL.
1 4 1. DEFINITIONS. For the purposes of this section, unless
1 5 the context otherwise requires:
1 6 a. "Youth" means children and young persons who are ages
1 7 six through twenty-one years.
1 8 b. "Youth advisory council" means the state of Iowa youth
1 9 advisory council created by this section.
1 10 c. "Youth development council" means the Iowa
1 11 collaboration for youth development council created by this
1 12 section.
1 13 2. COLLABORATION COUNCIL CREATED. An Iowa collaboration
1 14 for youth development council is created as an alliance of
1 15 state agencies that address the needs of youth in Iowa.
1 16 3. PURPOSE. The purpose of the youth development council
1 17 is to improve the lives and futures of Iowa's youth by doing
1 18 all of the following:
1 19 a. Adopting and applying positive youth development
1 20 principles and practices at the state and local levels.
1 21 b. Increasing the quality, efficiency, and effectiveness
1 22 of opportunities and services and other supports for youth.
1 23 c. Improving and coordinating state youth policy and
1 24 programs across state agencies.
1 25 4. VISION STATEMENT. All youth development activities
1 26 addressed by the youth development council shall be aligned
1 27 around the following vision statement: "All Iowa youth will
1 28 be safe, healthy, successful, and prepared for adulthood."
1 29 5. MEMBERSHIP. The youth development council membership
1 30 shall be determined by the council itself and shall include
1 31 the directors or chief administrators, or their designees,
1 32 from the following state agencies and programs:
1 33 a. Child advocacy board.
1 34 b. Iowa commission on volunteer service in the office of
1 35 the governor.
2 1 c. Department of education.
2 2 d. Department of human rights.
2 3 e. Department of human services.
2 4 f. Department of public health.
2 5 g. Department of workforce development.
2 6 h. Governor's office of drug control policy.
2 7 i. Iowa cooperative extension in agriculture and home
2 8 economics.
2 9 j. Office of community empowerment in the department of
2 10 management.
2 11 6. PROCEDURE. Except as otherwise provided by law, the
2 12 youth development council shall determine its own rules of
2 13 procedure and operating policies, including but not limited to
2 14 terms of members. The youth development council may form
2 15 committees or subgroups as necessary to achieve its purpose.
2 16 7. DUTIES. The youth development council's duties shall

2 17 include but are not limited to all of the following:
2 18 a. Study, explore, and plan for the best approach to
2 19 structure and formalize the functions and activities of the
2 20 youth development council to meet its purpose, and make formal
2 21 recommendations for improvement to the governor and general
2 22 assembly.
2 23 b. Review indicator data and identify barriers to youth
2 24 success and develop strategies to address the barriers.
2 25 c. Coordinate across agencies the state policy priorities
2 26 for youth.
2 27 d. Strengthen partnerships with the nonprofit and private
2 28 sectors to gather input, build consensus, and maximize use of
2 29 existing resources and leverage new resources to improve the
2 30 lives of youth and their families.
2 31 e. Oversee the activities of the youth advisory council.
2 32 f. Seek input from and engage the youth advisory council
2 33 in the development of more effective policies, practices, and
2 34 programs to improve the lives and futures of youth.
2 35 g. Report annually by February 1 to the governor and
3 1 general assembly.

3 2 8. STATE OF IOWA YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL. A state of Iowa
3 3 youth advisory council is created to provide input to the
3 4 governor, general assembly, and state and local policymakers
3 5 on youth issues.

3 6 a. The purpose of the youth advisory council is to foster
3 7 communication among a group of engaged youth and the governor,
3 8 general assembly, and state and local policymakers regarding
3 9 programs, policies, and practices affecting youth and
3 10 families; and to advocate for youth on important issues
3 11 affecting youth.

3 12 b. The youth advisory council shall consist of no more
3 13 than twenty-one youth ages fourteen through twenty years who
3 14 reside in Iowa. Membership shall be for two-year staggered
3 15 terms. The department director, or the director's designee,
3 16 shall select council members using an application process.
3 17 The department director or the director's designee shall
3 18 strive to maintain a diverse council membership and shall take
3 19 into consideration race, ethnicity, disabilities, gender, and
3 20 geographic location of residence of the applicants.

3 21 c. Except as otherwise provided by law, the youth advisory
3 22 council shall determine its own rules of procedure and
3 23 operating policies, subject to approval by the department
3 24 director or the director's designee.

3 25 d. The youth advisory council shall meet at least
3 26 quarterly.

3 27 9. LEAD AGENCY. The lead agency for support of the Iowa
3 28 collaboration for youth development council and the state of
3 29 Iowa youth advisory council is the department. The department
3 30 shall coordinate activities and, with funding made available
3 31 to it for such purposes, provide staff support for the youth
3 32 development council and the youth advisory council.

3 33 EXPLANATION

3 34 This bill creates an Iowa collaboration for youth
3 35 development council and state of Iowa youth advisory council
4 1 in the department of human rights.

4 2 The creation of the councils is codified in Code chapter
4 3 216A, pertaining to the division of criminal and juvenile
4 4 justice planning.

4 5 The term "youth" is defined to mean children and young
4 6 persons who are ages six through 21 years.

4 7 For the Iowa collaboration for youth development council,
4 8 the bill specifies a purpose, vision statement, membership and
4 9 procedural authority, and duties. The membership is to be
4 10 determined by the council itself but is required to include
4 11 staff from various state agencies. The council is authorized
4 12 to determine its own rules of procedure and operating
4 13 policies, including but not limited to terms of members. The
4 14 duties of the council include various coordination and
4 15 analysis functions and include a required annual report to the
4 16 governor and general assembly.

4 17 The bill also creates a state of Iowa youth advisory
4 18 council to provide input to the governor, general assembly,
4 19 and other policymakers regarding youth issues. The membership
4 20 of not more than 21 persons is to be appointed by the director
4 21 of the department of human rights or the director's designee.
4 22 The membership is limited to youth who are age 14 through 20
4 23 years. Except as otherwise provided by law, the youth
4 24 advisory council is authorized to determine its own rules of
4 25 procedure and operating policies, subject to approval by the
4 26 department director or the director's designee.

