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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to encouraging the availability of drinking
2 fountains in schools, parks, and public buildings.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 135.27A, subsection 2, Code 2009, is
1 2 amended to read as follows:
1 3 2. a. The council shall assist in developing a strategy
1 4 for implementation of the statewide comprehensive plan
1 5 developed by the existing statewide initiative to increase
1 6 physical activity, improve physical fitness, improve
1 7 nutrition, and promote healthy behaviors. The strategy shall
1 8 include specific components relating to specific populations
1 9 and settings including early childhood, educational, local
1 10 community, worksite wellness, health care, and older Iowans.
1 11 The initial draft of the implementation plan shall be
1 12 submitted to the governor and the general assembly by December
1 13 1, 2008.
1 14 b. As part of the ongoing strategy for implementation of
1 15 the statewide comprehensive plan, the council shall assist the
1 16 department in a statewide initiative to make drinking
1 17 fountains available, functional, and clean in all schools,
1 18 parks, and public buildings in the state so that all Iowans,
1 19 particularly students, have safe, easy, and convenient access
1 20 to free, good quality drinking water from modern facilities
1 21 throughout the day. Drinking fountains or drinking water taps
1 22 shall not be sited in toilet areas.

1 23 EXPLANATION

1 24 This bill requires the governor's council on physical
1 25 fitness and nutrition, as part of its duty to develop a
1 26 strategy for implementation of a statewide comprehensive plan
1 27 to increase physical activity, improve physical fitness,
1 28 improve nutrition, and promote healthy behaviors, to assist
1 29 the department of public health in a statewide initiative to
1 30 make drinking fountains available, functional, and clean in
1 31 all schools, parks, and public buildings in the state. The
1 32 purpose of the initiative is that all Iowans, particularly
1 33 students, have safe, easy, and convenient access to free, good
1 34 quality drinking water from modern facilities throughout the
1 35 day. The bill prohibits locating drinking fountains or
2 1 drinking water taps in toilet areas.
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