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BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 501)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the development of a plan to provide services
2 to individuals with autism.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 TLSB 2486HV 83
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1 1 Section 1. PLAN OF SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH AUTISM.
1 2 1. The department of human services shall develop a plan
1 3 to provide services for individuals up to twenty-one years of
1 4 age with autism. The department shall work with the Iowa
1 5 autism council established in section 256.35A and other
1 6 interested parties in developing the plan.
1 7 2. The department shall provide progress reports to the
1 8 legislative services agency until such time as the final plan
1 9 is completed.
1 10 3. The department shall present the final plan to the
1 11 general assembly by January 15, 2010.
1 12 4. For the purposes of this section, "autism" means autism
1 13 as defined in section 256.35A.

1 14 EXPLANATION

1 15 This bill directs the department of human services to
1 16 develop a plan to provide services to individuals up to 21
1 17 years of age with autism. The bill also directs the
1 18 department to work with the Iowa autism council and other
1 19 interested parties in developing the plan.
1 20 The department is to provide progress reports to the
1 21 legislative services agency until the final plan is completed.
1 22 The final plan is to be presented to the general assembly
1 23 by January 15, 2010. For the purposes of the bill, "autism"
1 24 means a spectrum disorder that includes, at various levels of
1 25 severity, autism, Asperger's disorder, pervasive developmental
1 26 disorder not otherwise specified, Rett's syndrome, and
1 27 childhood disintegrative disorder.
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