

# House Study Bill 8

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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, including the commission on  
2 3 the status of women and the division of criminal and juvenile  
2 4 justice planning.  
2 5 e. Department of human services.  
2 6 f. Department of public health.  
2 7 g. Department of workforce development.  
2 8 h. Governor's office of drug control policy.  
2 9 i. Iowa cooperative extension in agriculture and home  
2 10 economics.  
2 11 j. Office of community empowerment in the department of  
2 12 management.  
2 13 6. PROCEDURE. Except as otherwise provided by law, the  
2 14 youth development council shall determine its own rules of  
2 15 procedure and operating policies, including but not limited to  
2 16 terms of members. The youth development council may form

2 17 committees or subgroups as necessary to achieve its purpose.  
2 18 The department director, or the director's designee, shall be  
2 19 the chairperson of the youth development council.  
2 20 7. DUTIES. The youth development council's duties shall  
2 21 include but are not limited to all of the following:  
2 22 a. Study, explore, and plan for the best approach to  
2 23 structure and formalize the functions and activities of the  
2 24 youth development council to meet its purpose, and make formal  
2 25 recommendations for improvement to the governor and general  
2 26 assembly.  
2 27 b. Review indicator data and identify barriers to youth  
2 28 success and develop strategies to address the barriers.  
2 29 c. Coordinate across agencies the state policy priorities  
2 30 for youth.  
2 31 d. Strengthen partnerships with the nonprofit and private  
2 32 sectors to gather input, build consensus, and maximize use of  
2 33 existing resources and leverage new resources to improve the  
2 34 lives of youth and their families.  
2 35 e. Oversee the activities of the youth advisory council.  
3 1 f. Seek input from and engage the youth advisory council  
3 2 in the development of more effective policies, practices, and  
3 3 programs to improve the lives and futures of youth.  
3 4 g. Report annually by February 1 to the governor and  
3 5 general assembly.  
3 6 8. STATE OF IOWA YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL. A state of Iowa  
3 7 youth advisory council is created to provide input to the  
3 8 governor, general assembly, and state and local policymakers  
3 9 on youth issues.  
3 10 a. The purpose of the youth advisory council is to foster  
3 11 communication among a group of engaged youth and the governor,  
3 12 general assembly, and state and local policymakers regarding  
3 13 programs, policies, and practices affecting youth and  
3 14 families; and to advocate for youth on important issues  
3 15 affecting youth.  
3 16 b. The youth advisory council shall consist of no more  
3 17 than twenty-one youth ages fourteen through twenty years who  
3 18 reside in Iowa. Membership shall be for two-year staggered  
3 19 terms. The department director, or the director's designee,  
3 20 shall select council members using an application process.  
3 21 The department director or the director's designee shall  
3 22 strive to maintain a diverse council membership and shall take  
3 23 into consideration race, ethnicity, disabilities, gender, and  
3 24 geographic location of residence of the applicants.  
3 25 c. Except as otherwise provided by law, the youth advisory  
3 26 council shall determine its own rules of procedure and  
3 27 operating policies, subject to approval by the department  
3 28 director or the director's designee.  
3 29 d. The youth advisory council shall meet at least  
3 30 quarterly.  
3 31 9. LEAD AGENCY. The lead agency for support of the Iowa  
3 32 collaboration for youth development council and the state of  
3 33 Iowa youth advisory council is the department. The department  
3 34 shall coordinate activities and, with funding made available  
3 35 to it for such purposes, provide staff support for the youth  
4 1 development council and the youth advisory council.

#### 4 2 EXPLANATION

4 3 This bill creates an Iowa collaboration for youth  
4 4 development council and state of Iowa youth advisory council  
4 5 in the department of human rights.  
4 6 The creation of the councils is codified in Code chapter  
4 7 216A, pertaining to the division of criminal and juvenile  
4 8 justice planning.  
4 9 The term "youth" is defined to mean children and young  
4 10 persons who are ages six through 21 years.  
4 11 For the Iowa collaboration for youth development council,  
4 12 the bill specifies a purpose, vision statement, membership and  
4 13 procedural authority, and duties. The membership is to be  
4 14 determined by the council itself but is required to include  
4 15 staff from various state agencies. The council is authorized  
4 16 to determine its own rules of procedure and operating  
4 17 policies, including but not limited to terms of members. The  
4 18 director of the department of human rights or the director's  
4 19 designee is required to be the council chairperson. The  
4 20 duties of the council include various coordination and  
4 21 analysis functions and include a required annual report to the  
4 22 governor and general assembly.  
4 23 The bill also creates a state of Iowa youth advisory  
4 24 council to provide input to the governor, general assembly,  
4 25 and other policymakers regarding youth issues. The membership  
4 26 of not more than 21 persons is to be appointed by the director  
4 27 of the department of human rights or the director's designee.

4 28 The membership is limited to youth who are age 14 through 20  
4 29 years. Except as otherwise provided by law, the youth  
4 30 advisory council is authorized to determine its own rules of  
4 31 procedure and operating policies, subject to approval by the  
4 32 department director or the director's designee.  
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