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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to establishing cohabitation with a sex
2 offender as a potential substantial change in circumstances
3 for the purposes of modification of decree or order
4 regarding custody, visitation, or physical care.
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 598.41E Cohabitation of parent with
2 sex offender — potential substantial change in circumstances —
3 modification of child custody, visitation, or parenting time.

4 Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, if a parent
5 awarded joint legal custody and physical care, joint legal
6 custody and visitation, or sole legal custody is cohabitating
7 with a person who is required to register or is on the sex
8 offender registry as a sex offender under chapter 692A, the
9 court may consider the cohabitation as a substantial change
10 in circumstances, and modify the decree or order regarding
11 child custody, visitation, or physical care to protect the best
12 interests of the child.

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EXPLANATION

14 This bill provides that if a parent who is awarded joint
15 legal custody and physical care, joint legal custody and
16 visitation, or sole legal custody is cohabitating with a
17 person who is required to register for or is on the sex
18 offender registry, the court may consider such cohabitation
19 a substantial change in circumstances and modify the decree
20 or order for child custody, visitation, or physical care to
21 protect the best interests of the child.