

**House File 2148 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN  
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 548)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to county mental health, mental retardation,  
2 and developmental disabilities services management plan  
3 requirements and including effective date provisions.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH, MENTAL RETARDATION,  
2 AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICES MANAGEMENT PLAN —  
3 STRATEGIC PLAN. Notwithstanding section 331.439, subsection  
4 1, paragraph "b", subparagraph (3), counties are not required  
5 to submit a three-year strategic plan by April 1, 2012, to the  
6 department of human services. A county's strategic plan in  
7 effect as of the effective date of this section shall remain in  
8 effect, subject to modification as necessary to conform with  
9 statutory changes affecting the plan.

10 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of  
11 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

12 EXPLANATION

13 This bill relates to county mental health, mental  
14 retardation, and developmental disabilities services management  
15 plan requirements by providing that counties are not required  
16 to submit the three-year strategic plan by April 1, 2012,  
17 as specified in Code section 331.439(1)(b)(3). The initial  
18 strategic plan was required to be submitted on April 1, 2000,  
19 and then on April 1 every three years after that.

20 The bill provides that the county's strategic plan in effect  
21 as of the effective date of the bill remains in effect subject  
22 to modification as necessary to conform with statutory changes  
23 affecting the plan. Under current law, Code section 331.439 is  
24 repealed on July 1, 2013.

25 The bill takes effect upon enactment.