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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to regionalization of county mental health and
2 disability services and including effective date provisions.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 331.389, subsection 3, paragraph a, Code
2 2013, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. The counties comprising the region are contiguous except
4 that a region may include a county that is not contiguous with
5 any of the other counties in the region, if the county that is
6 not contiguous has had a formal relationship for two years or
7 longer with one or more of the other counties in the region for
8 the provision of mental health and disability services.

9 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate
10 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

11 EXPLANATION

12 This bill relates to regionalization of county mental health
13 and disability services (MH/DS).

14 Code section 331.389, relating to the criteria for county
15 agreements to form MH/DS regions, is amended to provide an
16 exception from the requirement that the counties comprising a
17 region must be contiguous. The exception allows a region to
18 include a county that is not contiguous with the other counties
19 in the region. The county that is not contiguous must have had
20 a formal relationship for two years or longer with one or more
21 of the other counties in the region for the provision of MH/DS.

22 The bill takes effect upon enactment.