

Senate File 2144 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing an Iowa healthiest children initiative in
2 the department of public health and including effective date
3 provisions.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 135.181 Iowa healthiest children
2 initiative.

3 1. The Iowa healthiest children initiative is established
4 in the department. The purpose of the initiative is to develop
5 and implement a plan for Iowa children to become the healthiest
6 children in the nation by January 1, 2020. The areas of focus
7 addressed by the initiative shall include improvement of
8 physical, emotional, and mental health; access to basic needs
9 such as food security, housing, stable home environments, and
10 safe, quality child care settings; and promotion of healthy
11 behaviors such as tobacco-free and drug abuse-free living,
12 physical fitness, and childhood obesity prevention.

13 2. The department shall create a task force to develop an
14 implementation plan to achieve the purpose of the initiative.
15 The implementation plan, including findings, recommendations,
16 performance benchmarks, budget needs, and other implementation
17 provisions shall be submitted to the governor and general
18 assembly on or before July 1, 2014.

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

21 EXPLANATION

22 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
23 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

24 This bill establishes the Iowa healthiest children
25 initiative in the department of public health.

26 The purpose of the initiative is to develop and implement a
27 plan for Iowa children to become the healthiest children in the
28 nation by January 1, 2020. The health status areas of focus
29 addressed by the initiative are to include physical, emotional,
30 and mental health; access to basic needs; and promotion of
31 healthy behaviors. The department is required to create a
32 task force to develop an implementation plan to achieve the
33 purpose of the initiative. The implementation plan, including
34 findings, recommendations, performance benchmarks, budget
35 needs, and other implementation provisions is required to be

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1 submitted to the governor and general assembly on or before
2 July 1, 2014.

3 The bill takes effect upon enactment.