

Senate File 2285 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 2285
BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 2144)

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, dental, emotional, and mental health; access to basic
9 needs such as food security, housing, stable home environments,
10 and safe, quality child care settings; and promotion of healthy
11 behaviors such as tobacco-free and drug abuse-free living,
12 engagement in physical fitness, and adhering to a healthy diet.

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, data collection provisions, budget
17 needs, and other implementation provisions shall be submitted
18 to the governor and general assembly on or before December 15,
19 2014.

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

22 EXPLANATION

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

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

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

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2 implementation provisions is required to be submitted to the
3 governor and general assembly on or before December 15, 2014.
4 The bill takes effect upon enactment.