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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a task force related to extending juvenile
2 court jurisdiction in delinquency matters and proceedings to
3 include persons under the age of twenty-one years.

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

1 Section 1. JUVENILE COURT JURISDICTION TASK FORCE AND
2 REPORT.

3 1. The division of criminal and juvenile justice planning
4 of the department of human rights shall establish a task force
5 related to expanding juvenile court jurisdiction in delinquency
6 matters and proceedings to include persons eighteen years of
7 age or older but under twenty-one years of age.

8 2. Members of the task force shall include representatives
9 of all of the following state agencies or associations:

10 a. Division of criminal and juvenile justice planning.

11 b. Department of human services.

12 c. Judicial branch.

13 d. Department of corrections.

14 e. Office of the state public defender.

15 f. Department of public safety.

16 g. Department of justice.

17 h. Department of education.

18 i. Iowa county attorneys association.

19 j. Other representatives or persons as the division of
20 criminal and juvenile justice planning deems appropriate.

21 3. The task force may consult with other public and private
22 agencies and may seek expertise from one or more national
23 organizations.

24 4. The task force shall consider the status of the current
25 law related to juvenile court jurisdiction in delinquency
26 matters and proceedings and identify opportunities and problems
27 which might arise from the expansion of such juvenile court
28 jurisdiction to include persons who have reached the age
29 of majority. The issues the task force shall consider and
30 regarding which the task force shall make recommendations
31 include all of the following:

32 a. The legal rights and responsibilities of the parent
33 of a person who is eighteen years of age or older but under
34 twenty-one years of age and subject to the jurisdiction of the
35 juvenile court in a delinquency matter or proceeding.

1 b. The age of a person at which juvenile court services
2 should cease.

3 c. The age at which a person may be under the supervision of
4 the district court as a youthful offender.

5 d. Whether a person who is eighteen years of age or older
6 but under twenty-one years of age should be placed in shelter
7 care or detention care.

8 e. Whether a person who is eighteen years of age or older
9 but under twenty-one years of age should be eligible to be
10 committed to the state training school.

11 f. Any other issues the task force determines to be
12 appropriate.

13 5. The task force shall, by December 15, 2016, submit
14 a report on its findings, including recommendations for
15 legislation, to the governor and general assembly.

16 6. The division of criminal and juvenile justice planning
17 shall provide staff assistance and administrative support to
18 the task force.

19 EXPLANATION

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

22 This bill requires the division of criminal and juvenile
23 justice planning of the department of human rights to establish
24 a task force related to extending juvenile court jurisdiction
25 in delinquency matters and proceedings to include persons 18
26 years of age or older but under the age of 21 years.

27 The bill provides that members of the task force shall
28 include representatives of the division of criminal and
29 juvenile justice planning, the department of human services,
30 the judicial branch, the department of corrections, the office
31 of the state public defender, the department of public safety,
32 the department of justice, the department of education, the
33 Iowa county attorneys association, and other persons as the
34 division of criminal and juvenile justice planning deems
35 appropriate. The task force may consult with other public

1 and private agencies and may seek expertise from one or
2 more national organizations. The bill requires the division
3 of criminal and juvenile justice planning to provide staff
4 assistance and administrative support to the task force.

5 The bill provides that the task force shall consider
6 the status of the current law related to juvenile court
7 jurisdiction in delinquency matters and proceedings and
8 identify concerns or problems which would arise from the
9 expansion of such juvenile court jurisdiction to include
10 persons who have reached the age of majority. The bill
11 requires the task force to consider the legal rights and
12 responsibilities of the parent of a person who is 18 years
13 of age or older but under 21 years of age and is under the
14 jurisdiction of the juvenile court in a delinquency matter
15 or proceeding, the age of a person at which juvenile court
16 services should cease and at which a person may be under the
17 supervision of the district court as a youthful offender,
18 whether a person who is 18 years of age or older but under 21
19 years of age should be placed in shelter care or detention care
20 or should be eligible to be committed to the state training
21 school, and any other issues the task force determines to be
22 appropriate.

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24 findings, including recommendations for legislation, to the
25 governor and general assembly by December 15, 2016.