

**Senate Study Bill 1208 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
HUMAN RESOURCES BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON MATHIS)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act establishing a study relating to the health and  
2 well-being of children in this state.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. CHILDREN'S HEALTH AND WELL-BEING WORKGROUP. The  
2 departments of human services, education, and public health are  
3 requested to facilitate a workgroup of stakeholders to study  
4 and make recommendations relating to children's health and  
5 well-being in this state. The issues that may be considered  
6 by the workgroup include developing a strategic plan for data  
7 systems to provide an overview of health and well-being of  
8 children in this state; creating a comprehensive system of  
9 care for children that incorporates a coordinated response  
10 to adverse childhood experiences across many disciplines  
11 including education, public health, mental health, child  
12 welfare, and child welfare systems and services; building  
13 interdepartmental awareness of adverse childhood experiences  
14 and creating interdepartmental strategies for helping improve  
15 child health and well-being and understanding impacts on  
16 education and employment outcomes; examining child care  
17 quality and affordability; and determining how government  
18 can create community partnerships to help address issues of  
19 child well-being. The workgroup shall submit a report on the  
20 study and make recommendations to the governor and the general  
21 assembly on or before December 15, 2015.

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EXPLANATION

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

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