

**House Study Bill 665 - Introduced**

HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
HUMAN RESOURCES BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON FRY)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act establishing a mandatory reporter curriculum and  
2 training workgroup.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. MANDATORY REPORTER CURRICULUM AND TRAINING  
2 WORKGROUP.

3 1. The department of public health shall convene a mandatory  
4 reporter curriculum and training workgroup to meet during the  
5 2018 legislative interim to examine issues and develop policy  
6 recommendations relating to Iowa mandatory reporters of child  
7 and dependent adult abuse curriculum standards, training,  
8 and accountability. The workgroup shall request relevant  
9 data and outcome measures relating to necessary curriculum  
10 standards, tracking course completion of required reporters,  
11 and efficient communication between reporters and intake  
12 personnel at the department of human services from workgroup  
13 member organizations and from state departments and agencies,  
14 including but not limited to the departments of human services,  
15 education, public health, public safety, and other appropriate  
16 organizations.

17 2. The workgroup shall be composed of all of the following  
18 members:

19 a. Four members of the general assembly appointed to serve  
20 in an ex officio, nonvoting capacity. The legislative members  
21 shall be selected, one member each, by the majority leader of  
22 the senate, the minority leader of the senate, the speaker of  
23 the house of representatives, and the minority leader of the  
24 house of representatives.

25 b. Nine voting members to include all of the following:

26 (1) One representative from each of the following:

27 (a) The department of human services.

28 (b) The department of education.

29 (c) The department of public health.

30 (d) The department of human rights.

31 (e) The department of public safety.

32 (f) The board of medicine.

33 (g) The attorney general's office.

34 (h) The child advocacy board.

35 (2) A child abuse prevention advocate.

1 3. The workgroup shall meet up to two times during the  
2 2018 legislative interim and shall submit findings and  
3 recommendations in a report to the general assembly by December  
4 21, 2018.

5 4. If possible, workgroup members and workgroup member  
6 organizations shall pay any costs incurred by members in  
7 attending workgroup meetings. The department of public health  
8 shall not be responsible for payment of per diem and other  
9 expenses of workgroup members but may pay any additional costs  
10 associated with the workgroup, not to exceed one thousand  
11 dollars, from the operating budget of the department.

12 EXPLANATION

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

15 This bill requires the department of public health to  
16 establish a mandatory reporter curriculum and training  
17 workgroup.

18 The bill provides that the workgroup shall consist of four  
19 members of the general assembly serving in an ex officio,  
20 nonvoting capacity, selected one member each by the majority  
21 leader of the senate, the minority leader of the senate, the  
22 speaker of the house of representatives, and the minority  
23 leader of the house of representatives. In addition, the  
24 workgroup shall include nine voting members, one representative  
25 each from the departments of human services, education, public  
26 health, human rights, and public safety; the board of medicine;  
27 the attorney general's office; the child advocacy board; and a  
28 child abuse prevention advocate.

29 The bill directs the workgroup to examine issues and develop  
30 policy recommendations relating to Iowa mandatory reporters of  
31 child and dependent adult abuse curriculum standards, training,  
32 and accountability.

33 The bill provides that the workgroup shall meet up to two  
34 times during the 2018 legislative interim and submit findings  
35 and recommendations in a report to the governor and the general

1 assembly by December 21, 2018.

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7 additional costs associated with the workgroup, not to exceed  
8 \$1,000, from the operating budget of the office.