

**Senate File 2195 - Introduced**

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BY SCHULTZ

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the corroboration of certain evidence  
2 provided in a termination of parental rights proceeding.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 232.116, Code 2018, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 2A. In considering whether to terminate  
4 the rights of a parent under this section when the grounds are  
5 based on the child having been adjudicated a child in need of  
6 assistance under section 232.96, any report or statement made  
7 or evidence provided to the court by the department of human  
8 services shall be corroborated by additional evidence provided  
9 by an independent source and shall not alone be sufficient to  
10 sustain the petition for termination of parental rights.

11 EXPLANATION

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

14 This bill relates to the termination of the parent-child  
15 relationship under Code chapter 232 (juvenile justice)  
16 relating to a child who has been adjudicated a child in need  
17 of assistance. The bill provides that in considering whether  
18 to terminate the rights of a parent when the grounds for  
19 termination are based on the child having been adjudicated  
20 a child in need of assistance, any report or statement made  
21 or evidence provided to the court by the department of human  
22 services shall be corroborated by additional evidence provided  
23 by an independent source and shall not alone be sufficient to  
24 sustain the petition for termination of parental rights.