

Senate Study Bill 3204 - Introduced

SENATE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
WAYS AND MEANS BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON FEENSTRA)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the mental health and disability services
2 regions.

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

1 Section 1. PROVISIONAL REGIONALIZATION AUTHORIZATION.

2 1. During the time period beginning on the effective
3 date of this Act and ending June 30, 2019, upon receiving an
4 application from Sioux and Plymouth counties, the director of
5 human services may authorize the counties to form and operate a
6 mental health and disability services region on a provisional
7 basis for up to twelve months in accordance with this section.

8 2. Unless the director grants an exception to policy
9 allowing the counties and their region, during the provisional
10 operation time period, to meet a requirement through an
11 alternative means, the counties and their region shall comply
12 with all of the requirements applicable to a mental health and
13 disability services region under chapter 331 and any other
14 law applicable to regions including but not limited to the
15 exemption provisions in 331 IAC 25.91.

16 3. If the director determines the two counties and their
17 region are not in compliance with the requirements under
18 subsection 2 during the provisional operation time period and
19 that compliance will not be achieved through a corrective
20 action plan, the director may assign each county to a region
21 contiguous to the county. The region assigned shall amend its
22 chapter 28E agreement and other operating requirements and
23 policies to accept the assigned county.

24 EXPLANATION

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

27 This bill provides that the director of the department
28 of human services may authorize Sioux and Plymouth counties
29 to form and operate a mental health and disability services
30 (MHDS) region for 12 months on a provisional basis. Unless
31 the director grants an exception to policy, authorizing the
32 counties to meet a requirement through an alternative means,
33 the counties are required to comply with all requirements
34 applicable to an MHDS region under Code chapter 331 and other
35 law applicable. If the director determines the counties and

1 their region are not in compliance during the provisional
2 operation time period and compliance will not be achieved
3 through a corrective action plan, the director may assign each
4 county to a region contiguous to the county. The bill provides
5 the region assigned is required to amend its Code chapter 28E
6 agreement and other operating requirements and policies to
7 accept the assigned county.