

**House File 373 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the child abuse hotline.

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

1 Section 1. DIRECTIVE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES —  
2 CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE. The department of human services shall  
3 adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to utilize an audio script  
4 for the child abuse hotline which shall be in substantially the  
5 following form:

6 The primary mission at the department of human services is  
7 to protect children, improve child and family well-being, and  
8 support and preserve families. You are protected by law from  
9 any liability from making a report in good faith, but please  
10 be aware it is against the law to intentionally make a false  
11 report of child abuse or neglect. If you suspect that a child  
12 is being abused, neglected, or is in danger of abuse, please  
13 stay on the line and your call will be answered by the next  
14 available social worker. All calls will be recorded and are  
15 kept confidential.

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EXPLANATION

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

19 This bill directs the department of human services to adopt  
20 rules to utilize an audio script for the child abuse hotline  
21 that includes immunity and confidentiality information for  
22 callers.