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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the missing person information clearinghouse
2 and missing and murdered indigenous women and children.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 80.45, subsection 3, Code 2020, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *0g.* Promote training on human trafficking
4 investigations and prosecutions related to missing and murdered
5 indigenous women and children with the office of the attorney
6 general, the office of the prosecuting attorneys training
7 coordinator, the Iowa law enforcement academy, the department,
8 and state and local law enforcement agencies throughout the
9 state.

10 Sec. 2. Section 694.10, subsection 2, paragraphs b and c,
11 Code 2020, are amended to read as follows:

12 *b.* Develop training programs for local law enforcement
13 personnel concerning appropriate procedures to report missing
14 persons, including indigenous women and children, to the
15 clearinghouse and to comply with legal procedures relating to
16 missing person cases.

17 *c.* Provide specialized training to law enforcement officers,
18 in conjunction with the law enforcement academy, to enable
19 the officers to more efficiently handle the tracking of
20 missing persons and unidentified bodies on the local level.
21 Specialized training shall also be provided on conducting
22 investigations related to missing and murdered indigenous women
23 and children.

24 Sec. 3. Section 694.10, subsection 2, Code 2020, is amended
25 by adding the following new paragraph:

26 NEW PARAGRAPH. *1.* Prepare guidelines and uniform procedures
27 for the reporting and investigation of missing and murdered
28 indigenous women and children. The department shall distribute
29 the guidelines and uniform procedures to law enforcement
30 agencies throughout the state.

31 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. **694.11 Indigenous women and children**
32 **— cooperation with other agencies and governmental entities.**

33 The department of public safety shall collect data and
34 information related to missing indigenous women and children
35 in this state and cooperate with similar divisions, bureaus,

1 or departments of other states, tribal governments, law
2 enforcement agencies, county and local governments, county and
3 local law enforcement agencies, the bureau of Indian affairs of
4 the United States department of the interior, and the federal
5 bureau of investigation, to investigate and locate the missing
6 indigenous women and children.

7 EXPLANATION

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

10 This bill relates to missing and murdered indigenous women
11 and children.

12 The bill directs the office to combat human trafficking
13 to promote training on human trafficking investigations and
14 prosecutions related to missing and murdered indigenous women
15 and children to various entities as detailed in the bill.

16 The bill directs the department of public safety
17 (department) to develop training programs for local law
18 enforcement personnel concerning appropriate procedures
19 to report missing indigenous women and children to the
20 missing person information clearinghouse and to provide
21 specialized training to law enforcement officers on conducting
22 investigations related to missing and murdered indigenous women
23 and children.

24 The department is required to prepare guidelines and uniform
25 procedures for the reporting and investigation of missing
26 and murdered indigenous women and children and distribute
27 such guidelines and procedures to law enforcement agencies
28 throughout the state. The department is also required to
29 collect data and information related to missing indigenous
30 women and children in this state and cooperate with the
31 entities detailed in the bill to investigate and locate the
32 missing indigenous women and children.