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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for a study committee to determine best
2 practices for the placement of juveniles in foster care with
3 histories of violent or sexually predatory behavior.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES — STUDY OF
2 JUVENILES WITH VIOLENT OR SEXUALLY PREDATORY BEHAVIOR —
3 FOSTER CARE. The department of human services shall convene a
4 study committee regarding best practices for the placement of
5 juveniles in foster care with histories of violent or sexually
6 predatory behavior in order to reduce the risks posed to other
7 juveniles in foster care. The department shall include at
8 least four stakeholders as members of the study committee. The
9 stakeholders shall, at a minimum, consist of a representative
10 from the department of human services, a juvenile court judge,
11 a representative from the county attorneys association, and a
12 representative from a private foster care agency.

13 The study committee shall consider alternatives to foster
14 care facility placements; the social, financial, and welfare
15 services currently available; and alternative services that
16 should be developed to reduce the risk juveniles with a history
17 of violent or sexually predatory behavior pose to juveniles
18 without histories of violent or sexually predatory behavior
19 in foster care. The study committee shall submit a report
20 detailing its findings and making recommendations to the
21 governor and the general assembly by December 15, 2022.

22 EXPLANATION

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

25 This bill provides for a study committee to determine best
26 practices for the placement of juveniles with histories of
27 violent or sexually predatory behavior in foster care.

28 The bill directs the department of human services to convene
29 a study committee regarding best practices for the placement of
30 juveniles in foster care with histories of violent or sexually
31 predatory behavior in order to reduce the risks posed to other
32 juveniles in foster care. The department shall include a
33 minimum of four stakeholders consisting of a representative
34 from the department of human services, a juvenile court judge,
35 a representative from the county attorneys association, and a

1 representative from a private foster care agency.

2 The bill requires the study committee to consider
3 alternatives to foster care facility placements; the social,
4 financial, and welfare services currently available; and
5 alternative services that should be developed to reduce the
6 risk juveniles with a history of violent or sexually predatory
7 behavior pose to juveniles without histories of violent or
8 sexually predatory behavior in foster care.

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