

House File 2201 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act creating a study committee to consider the establishment
2 of a state training school for females under the age of
3 eighteen.

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

1 Section 1. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES — STUDY
2 COMMITTEE FOR STATE TRAINING SCHOOL FOR FEMALES UNDER THE AGE
3 OF EIGHTEEN.

4 1. The department of health and human services shall convene
5 a study committee to meet during the 2024 legislative interim
6 to examine the feasibility of establishing a state training
7 school for females under the age of eighteen.

8 2. The study committee shall, at a minimum, examine
9 issues relating to costs, potential locations for the school,
10 potential programs to be offered, and estimated timeline for
11 the school to become operational.

12 3. The membership of the committee shall consist of, at
13 a minimum, a representative from the department of health
14 and human services, a representative from the state training
15 school at Eldora, a children's behavioral health specialist
16 with expertise related to females under eighteen years of age,
17 an educator with experience teaching females under eighteen
18 years of age with behavioral health issues, and an expert
19 with knowledge of providing transitional services to children
20 leaving long-term placement in juvenile correction facilities.

21 4. The study committee shall submit a report with the
22 committee's findings and recommendations to the general
23 assembly and to the governor no later than December 15, 2024.

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 directs the department of health and human
28 services (HHS) to convene a study committee to meet during
29 the 2024 legislative interim to examine the feasibility of
30 establishing a state training school for females under the age
31 of 18.

32 The bill requires the committee, at a minimum, to examine
33 issues relating to costs, potential locations for the school,
34 potential programs to be offered, and estimated timelines for
35 the school to become operational.

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2 of, at a minimum, a representative from HHS, a representative
3 from the state training school at Eldora, a children's
4 behavioral health specialist with expertise related to females
5 under 18 years of age, an educator with experience teaching
6 females under 18 years of age with behavioral health issues,
7 and an expert with knowledge of providing transitional services
8 to children leaving long-term placement in juvenile correction
9 facilities.

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