

House File 276 - 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:

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

4 1. The department of health and human services shall convene
5 a study committee to meet during the 2025 legislative interim to
6 examine the feasibility of establishing a state training school
7 for females under the age of eighteen.

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

12 3. The membership of the committee shall consist of, at a
13 minimum, a representative from the department of health and human
14 services, a representative from the state training school at
15 Eldora, a children's behavioral health specialist with expertise
16 related to females under eighteen years of age, an educator
17 with experience teaching females under eighteen years of age
18 with behavioral health issues, and an expert with knowledge of
19 providing transitional services to children leaving long-term
20 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 assembly
23 and to the governor no later than December 15, 2025.

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 services
28 (HHS) to convene a study committee to meet during the 2025
29 legislative interim to examine the feasibility of establishing a
30 state training school for females under the age of 18.

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

35 The bill requires the membership of the committee to consist

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

8 The bill requires the study committee to submit a report
9 of the committee's findings and recommendations to the general
10 assembly and to the governor no later than December 15, 2025.

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