

House Study Bill 35 - Introduced

SENATE/HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION _____
BY (PROPOSED ATTORNEY GENERAL
RESOLUTION)

JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution
2 of the State of Iowa relating to the right of an accused to
3 confront children and other witnesses.
4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of the
2 State of Iowa is proposed:

3 Article I of the Constitution of the State of Iowa is amended
4 by adding the following new section:

5 Sec. 10A. **Protection of children and other witnesses.** To
6 protect children under the age of eighteen and any witness with
7 a mental illness, intellectual disability, or other developmental
8 disability, the right of an accused to confront such witnesses
9 may be limited by law.

10 Sec. 2. REFERRAL AND PUBLICATION. The foregoing proposed
11 amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa is referred
12 to the general assembly to be chosen at the next general election
13 for members of the general assembly, and shall be published as
14 provided by law for three months previous to the date of that
15 election.

16 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 joint resolution proposes an amendment to the
20 Constitution of the State of Iowa relating to the right of an
21 accused to confront children and other witnesses.

22 The resolution provides that in order to protect children
23 under the age of 18 and any witness with a mental illness,
24 intellectual disability, or other developmental disability, the
25 right of an accused to confront such witnesses may be limited by
26 law.

27 The resolution, if adopted, would be published and then
28 referred to the next general assembly (92nd) for adoption, before
29 being submitted to the electorate for ratification.