

**Senate File 2285 - Reprinted**

SENATE FILE 2285  
BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN  
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 2144)

(As Amended and Passed by the Senate March 3, 2014)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act establishing an Iowa healthiest children initiative in  
2 the department of public health and including effective date  
3 provisions.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 135.181 Iowa healthiest children  
2 initiative.

3 1. The Iowa healthiest children initiative is established  
4 in the department. The purpose of the initiative is to  
5 develop and implement a plan for Iowa children to become the  
6 healthiest children in the nation by January 1, 2020. The  
7 areas of focus addressed by the initiative shall include  
8 improvement of physical, dental, emotional, behavioral, and  
9 mental health and wellness; access to basic needs such as food  
10 security, appropriate nutrition, safe and quality child care  
11 settings, and safe and stable housing, neighborhoods, and home  
12 environments; and promotion of healthy, active lifestyles  
13 by addressing adverse childhood events, reducing exposures  
14 to environmental toxins, decreasing exposures to violence,  
15 advancing tobacco-free and drug abuse-free living, increasing  
16 immunization rates, and improving family well-being.

17 2. The department shall create a task force, including  
18 members who are child health experts external to the  
19 department, to develop an implementation plan to achieve the  
20 purpose of the initiative. The implementation plan, including  
21 findings, recommendations, performance benchmarks, data  
22 collection provisions, budget needs, and other implementation  
23 provisions shall be submitted to the governor and general  
24 assembly on or before December 15, 2014.

25 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of  
26 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.