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BY COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3135)

(As Amended and Passed by the Senate March 10, 2026)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act eliminating a city's ability to create a city board of
2 health or a city health department, and including effective
3 date provisions.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 135.105B, subsection 3, Code 2026, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 3. Following development of the voluntary guidelines, cities
4 or counties may elect to utilize the guidelines in developing
5 and administering local programs through ~~city or~~ county health
6 departments on a city, county, or multicounty basis or may
7 request that the state develop and administer the local program.
8 However, cities and counties are not required to develop and
9 administer local programs based upon the guidelines.

10 Sec. 2. Section 135I.1, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
11 to read as follows:

12 2. "Local board of health" means ~~a city, county, or district~~
13 ~~board of health~~ the same as defined in section 137.102.

14 Sec. 3. Section 137.102, subsections 1 and 2, Code 2026, are
15 amended by striking the subsections.

16 Sec. 4. Section 137.102, subsection 10, Code 2026, is amended
17 to read as follows:

18 10. "Local board of health" means a ~~city,~~ county, board or a
19 ~~district board of health.~~

20 Sec. 5. Section 137.103, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
21 by striking the subsection and inserting in lieu thereof the
22 following:

23 1. A city shall not maintain a city board of health or a city
24 health department. Each city shall perform the city's public
25 health services through the city's local board of health.

26 Sec. 6. NEW SECTION. **137.103A County boards.**

27 1. A county board shall execute an agreement with each county
28 hospital located in the county that the county board represents
29 to allow for sharing of facilities, health care services, and
30 administrative resources.

31 2. A county board may submit an application to the department
32 to waive the requirement in subsection 1 by providing the
33 department evidence of all of the following:

34 a. The county board has access to an alternative means of
35 providing health services comparable to those provided by the

1 county hospital with which the county board would otherwise be
2 required to contract.

3 b. The alternative means of providing health services is more
4 cost-effective for the county board than contracting with the
5 county hospital.

6 3. A county board that applies for a waiver under subsection
7 2 must submit a letter explaining the county board's decision
8 to apply for the waiver to the county board's county board of
9 supervisors.

10 Sec. 7. Section 137.104, subsection 1, paragraph b,
11 subparagraph (1), Code 2026, is amended by striking the
12 subparagraph.

13 Sec. 8. Section 137.105, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
14 2026, is amended by striking the paragraph.

15 Sec. 9. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect January 1,
16 2027.

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