SENATE FILE 2285
BY COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3123)

(As Amended and Passed by the Senate February 20, 2024)

[= New Language by the Senate

A BILL FOR

An Act relating to the elimination of certain required reports by and duties of the department of health and human services, and including effective date and retroactive applicability provisions.

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

Section 1. Section 135.16A, subsection 2, paragraph b, Code 2024, is amended to read as follows:

b. If necessary to implement, administer, and enforce this section, the department, in cooperation with the department of agriculture and land stewardship, shall submit a request to the United States department of agriculture for a waiver or other exception from regulations as deemed feasible by the department. ~~The department shall regularly report the status of such request to the legislative services agency.~~

Sec. 2. Section 135.181, subsection 4, Code 2024, is amended by striking the subsection.

Sec. 3. Section 139A.26, subsection 5, Code 2024, is amended to read as follows:

5. The department shall adopt rules for administration of this section. ~~The department shall review the requirements of this section at least every five years, and shall submit its recommendations for modification to, or continuation of, this section based upon new information about the disease or vaccination against the disease in a report that shall be submitted to the general assembly no later than January 15, 2010, with subsequent reports developed and submitted by January 15 at least every fifth year thereafter.~~

Sec. 4. Section 217.21, Code 2024, is amended by striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

217.21 Annual report.

The department shall annually report no later than October 1 on the period ending with the June 30 preceding, pursuant to section 217.22, itemized departmental expenditures concerning each program under the department's administration and adequate and complete statistical reports for the state as a whole concerning all payments made under the department's administration.

Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. **217.22 Publicly available reportable information.**

The department shall make reportable information and

data publicly available in the most cost-efficient manner including but not limited to through utilization of modernized, interactive displays found on the department's internet site. No later than January 1, 2027, any information and data publicly available within a modernized, interactive display shall be downloadable and contain the date and time of the download.

Sec. 6. Section 225D.2, subsection 5, paragraph d, Code 2024, is amended by striking the paragraph and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

d. The department shall report on the program and fund pursuant to section 217.21.

Sec. 7. Section 231E.4, subsection 3, paragraph h, Code 2024, is amended to read as follows:

h. Maintain statistical data on the local offices including various methods of funding, the types of services provided, and the demographics of the wards and clients, and report pursuant to ~~the general assembly on or before November 1, annually, regarding the local offices and recommend any appropriate legislative action~~ section 217.22.

Sec. 8. Section 235A.23, Code 2024, is amended to read as follows:

235A.23 Reports.

~~1.~~ The department may compile statistics, conduct research, and issue reports on child abuse, provided identifying details of the subject of child abuse reports are deleted from any report issued pursuant to section 217.22.

~~2. The department shall issue an annual report on its administrative operation, including information as to the number of requests for child abuse data, the proportion of requests attributable to each type of authorized access, the frequency and nature of irregularities, and other pertinent matters.~~

Sec. 9. Section 235B.13, Code 2024, is amended to read as follows:

235B.13 Registry reports.

~~1.~~ The registry may compile statistics, conduct research, and issue reports on dependent adult abuse, provided identifying details of the subjects of dependent adult abuse reports are deleted from any report issued, pursuant to section 217.22.

~~2. The registry shall issue an annual report on its administrative operation, including information as to the number of requests for dependent adult abuse data, the proportion of requests attributable to each type of authorized access, the frequency and nature of irregularities, and other pertinent matters.~~

Sec. 10. Section 249A.4, subsection 1, Code 2024, is amended to read as follows:

1. Determine the greatest amount, duration, and scope of assistance which may be provided, and the broadest range of eligible individuals to whom assistance may effectively be provided, under this chapter within the limitations of available funds. ~~In so doing, the director shall at least every six months evaluate the scope of the program currently being provided under this chapter, project the probable cost of continuing a like program, and compare the probable cost with the remaining balance of the state appropriation made for payment of assistance under this chapter during the current appropriation period. After each evaluation of the scope of the program, the director shall report to the general assembly through the legislative council or in another manner as the general assembly may by resolution direct.~~

Sec. 11. Section 249A.24, subsection 4, Code 2024, is amended by striking the subsection.

Sec. 12. REPEAL. Section 142C.17, Code 2024, is repealed.

Sec. 13. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

Sec. 14. RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY. This Act applies retroactively to reports due on or after January 1, 2024.