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To: Members of the Iowa General Assembly
From: Dale Woolery, Director-Iowa Office of Drug Control Policy
RE: Background Memorandum – Amendment to §80E

The Iowa Drug Policy Advisory Council (DPAC), established in Iowa Code 80E, is chaired by Iowa's Drug Policy Coordinator, who also serves as Director of the Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP).

Some of the DPAC language in Iowa Code 80E has become outdated or is no longer accurate, and a few stakeholder organizations are missing from the 15-member council appointed by the Governor.

ODCP's proposal to amend/update language relating to DPAC and its members would make these changes to Iowa Code §80E:

1. Delete references to "narcotics enforcement," and replaces with "drug enforcement;"
2. Delete references to "substance abuse," and replaces with "substance use disorder;"
3. Delete council member references to "licensed substance abuse treatment specialist," and replaces with "certified alcohol and drug counselor;"
4. Add as a council member "The state public defender, or the state public defender's designee;"
5. Add as a council member "A member representing the Iowa police chiefs association;" and
6. Change the number of voting council members from 15 to 17.

Sincerely,

Dale R. Woolery
Director