

**JOINT RESOLUTIONS  
RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE  
AND  
SUPREME COURT FEES**

CHAPTER 256

SOCIAL SERVICES STUDY

S. J. R. 13

A JOINT RESOLUTION to provide for an interim study of the structure and performance of the department of social services.

WHEREAS, through the efforts of past interim study committees such as the mental health and juvenile institutions and the penal and correctional systems study committees, past joint interim subcommittees of the committees on human resources, efforts of these standing committees themselves, and reports received from the executive branch such as the governor's economy committee report and the reports on state institutions prepared by the department of social services, as well as the contributions of groups and agencies outside government, there is available to the general assembly much valuable information on the delivery of human services in Iowa; and

WHEREAS, this continuing growth has created internal problems in the department's divisions, but has not ended fragmentation in the delivery of human services in Iowa, notably in the general areas of services to the mentally handicapped, the aging, abusers of alcohol and other drugs, and criminal offenders; and

WHEREAS, additional focus and attention is required by the department of social services on provision of child and adult protective services and assistance to persons, both young and old, who are unable to care for themselves adequately without aid from the general society, but there is general concern about the ability of the department to adequately discharge all of the functions assigned it under current law; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of members of the general assembly, individually and collectively, to provide high quality intensive care and treatment of an appropriate modality to mentally handicapped persons, the aging, the abused, the abuser and the offender, NOW THEREFORE,

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislative council is authorized to establish a
- 2 study committee in the manner prescribed by law to conduct during
- 3 the 1975 legislative interim a study of the functions, duties and
- 4 structure of the department of social services, the performance of the
- 5 department in discharging its responsibilities, and the effect of the
- 6 current administrative structure upon this performance. The study
- 7 committee shall review, update and consolidate the findings of previ-
- 8 ous studies and reports on delivery of human services in Iowa, and
- 9 shall formulate recommendations as to the most effective and effi-
- 10 cient organizational and administrative structure for delivery of hu-
- 11 man services in Iowa. These recommendations, accompanied by draft
- 12 legislation to implement them, if appropriate, shall be reported to
- 13 the legislative council and to the second session of the Sixty-sixth
- 14 General Assembly.

1 SEC. 2. The study committee authorized by this Act may:  
 2 1. Include as advisory members persons other than members of the  
 3 general assembly, who have special knowledge in the field of human  
 4 service delivery, as permitted by law.  
 5 2. Retain consultants and assistants to aid the committee in ac-  
 6 complishing the study.  
 7 3. Request the department of social services or other state agencies  
 8 to loan designated staff members to the committee for specified peri-  
 9 ods of time to assist the committee and its staff.

1 SEC. 3. There is appropriated to the legislative council for use by  
 2 the study committee authorized by this Act during the period begin-  
 3 ning July 1, 1975 and ending March 31, 1976 the sum of fifty thou-  
 4 sand (50,000) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to  
 5 accomplish the purposes of this Act. Unencumbered funds remaining  
 6 as of February 15, 1976 shall revert to the general fund of the state  
 7 on April 15, 1976.

Approved July 18, 1975

This Act was passed by the G.A. prior to July 1, 1975; see §3.7 of the Code

## CHAPTER 257

### EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

S. J. R. 6

A JOINT RESOLUTION to continue the governor's task force on early childhood develop-  
 ment and making an appropriation.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 SECTION 1. The governor's task force on early childhood develop-  
 2 ment, established under the provisions of Senate Concurrent Resolu-  
 3 tion one hundred twenty-five (125), adopted by the Sixty-fifth General  
 4 Assembly, 1974 Session, is continued until January 16, 1976 in order to  
 5 continue its study of methods of planning and coordinating services to  
 6 young children and to assess and evaluate the need in Iowa for an of-  
 7 fice for early childhood development. The task force shall make its fi-  
 8 nal report and recommendations to the governor and to the Sixty-sixth  
 9 General Assembly not later than January 16, 1976, including proposed  
 10 legislation as necessary to implement its recommendations.

1 SEC. 2. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to  
 2 the office of the governor for the fiscal period commencing July 1, 1975  
 3 and ending March 31, 1976 the sum of twenty thousand (20,000) dol-  
 4 lars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to provide funds for staff  
 5 assistance and other assistance, including an office, as determined by  
 6 the task force to enable the task force to complete its study. Unobligat-  
 7 ed or unencumbered funds appropriated in this section remaining on  
 8 February 15, 1976 shall revert to the general fund of the state on April  
 9 15, 1976.

Approved July 14, 1975

This Act was passed by the G.A. prior to July 1, 1975; see §3.7 of the Code