

Sec. 2. IMPLEMENTATION STUDY CONTINUATION. The health data commission shall monitor the progress and continuation of the development and implementation of a community health management information system based upon the study established in 1992 Iowa Acts, chapter 1241, section 37. The health policy corporation of Iowa, through its subsidiary, the health information management center, and through its community health management information system (CHMIS) steering committee, shall report to the governor and leadership of the general assembly on or before November 1, 1993, on its Phase 1 and Phase 2 recommendations, as defined in the Iowa health data commission's January 1, 1993, report to the general assembly, prepared by the steering committee and based upon the study established in 1992 Iowa Acts, chapter 1241, section 37. The steering committee shall coordinate with the Iowa health reform council activities on health care reform, pursuant to the council's obligation to report to the governor and the general assembly by December 1, 1993.

The steering committee shall continue work related to its recommendations contained in the commission's January 1, 1993, report to the general assembly, including phases 1 and 2 of the five-step phased-in approach to the implementation of the CHMIS.

The steering committee shall also coordinate development and implementation of the CHMIS with federal and state agencies concerned with information exchange pursuant to development of "geographic information systems".

Sec. 3. LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS. The steering committee shall file a written report with the governor and the general assembly by providing copies of the written report to the office of the governor, and to the secretary of the senate, the chief clerk of the house of representatives, and the legislative service bureau. The steering committee's report shall include recommendations on enabling legislation to be introduced during the 1994 regular session of the general assembly as well as other information or findings deemed appropriate to be included by the steering committee. The report shall be filed as provided in this section and section 2 of this Act on or before November 1, 1993.

Sec. 4. DEFINITIONS. For purposes of this Act, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "Community health management information system" or "CHMIS" means an integrated electronic health management information system for transmittal and selected storage of data related to claims payable and other health care-related information.

2. "Steering committee" means the committee created by the health management information center pursuant to its agreement with the Iowa health data commission, as identified in section 2 of this Act.

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CHAPTER 63

TEXTBOOKS FOR PUPILS ATTENDING NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS

S.F. 364

AN ACT relating to nonpublic school pupil textbook services.

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

Section 1. Section 301.1, unnumbered paragraph 2, Code 1993, is amended to read as follows:

Textbooks adopted and purchased by a school district may, and shall to the extent funds are appropriated by the general assembly, be made available to pupils attending nonpublic

schools upon request of the pupil or the pupil's parent under comparable terms as made available to pupils attending public schools. As used in this paragraph, "textbooks" means books; book substitutes, including reusable workbooks; loose-leaf or bound manuals; and computer software materials used as book substitutes.

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CHAPTER 64

CRIMINAL TRIAL TESTIMONY BY MINORS

H.F. 79

AN ACT relating to criminal trial testimony by minors and certain victims and witnesses and providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 910A.14, subsection 1, Code 1993, is amended by striking the subsection and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

1. Upon its own motion or upon motion of any party, a court may protect a minor, as defined in section 599.1, from trauma caused by testifying in the physical presence of the defendant where it would impair the minor's ability to communicate, by ordering that the testimony of the minor be taken in a room other than the courtroom and be televised by closed circuit equipment for viewing in the courtroom. However, such an order shall be entered only upon a specific finding by the court that such measures are necessary to protect the minor from trauma. Only the judge, prosecuting attorney, defendant's attorney, persons necessary to operate the equipment, and any person whose presence, in the opinion of the court, would contribute to the welfare and well-being of the minor may be present in the room with the minor during the minor's testimony. The judge shall inform the minor that the defendant will not be present in the room in which the minor will be testifying but that the defendant will be viewing the minor's testimony through closed circuit television.

During the minor's testimony the defendant shall remain in the courtroom and shall be allowed to communicate with the defendant's counsel in the room where the minor is testifying by an appropriate electronic method.

In addition, upon a finding of necessity, the court may allow the testimony of a victim or witness with a mental illness, mental retardation, or other developmental disability to be taken as provided in this subsection, regardless of the age of the victim or witness.

Sec. 2. Section 910A.16, Code 1993, is amended by adding the following new subsection: **NEW SUBSECTION. 4.** To the greatest extent possible, a multidisciplinary team involving the county attorney, law enforcement, community-based child advocacy organizations, and personnel of the department of human services shall be utilized in investigating cases involving a violation of chapter 709 or 726 with a child.

Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

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