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HUMAN RESOURCES

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to compensation levels of direct care workers in  
2 nursing facilities.

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

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1 Section 1. DIRECT CARE WORKERS IN NURSING FACILITIES --  
2 SURVEY -- REPORT. The department of workforce development  
3 shall complete a survey of direct care workers in nursing  
4 facilities to compare current compensation levels to  
5 compensation levels prior to the implementation of the  
6 modified price-based case-mix reimbursement system under the  
7 medical assistance program in fiscal year 2001 pursuant to  
8 2001 Iowa Acts, chapter 192, section 4. The department shall  
9 submit a report of its findings to the governor and the  
10 general assembly on or before January 15, 2006.

11 EXPLANATION

12 This bill directs the department of workforce development  
13 to complete a survey of direct care workers in nursing  
14 facilities to compare current compensation levels to  
15 compensation levels prior to the implementation of the  
16 modified price-based case-mix reimbursement system under the  
17 medical assistance program in fiscal year 2001. The bill also  
18 directs the department of workforce development to submit a  
19 report of its findings to the governor and the general  
20 assembly on or before January 15, 2006.

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