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HUMAN RESOURCES

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the transfer of the administration of vital  
2 records functions.

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

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HF 604

1 Section 1. TRANSITION TO COUNTY-ADMINISTERED SERVICES --  
2 VITAL RECORDS.

3 1. The Iowa department of public health and county  
4 officials shall develop a plan to transfer the  
5 responsibilities of the state bureau of health statistics  
6 relating to vital records to county registrars by July 1,  
7 2007.

8 2. The plan shall include, as an initial phase in the  
9 transfer, authorization for county registrars to possess  
10 records of all of the following by July 1, 2006, in addition  
11 to records which county registrars are currently authorized to  
12 possess:

13 a. Single-parent births prior to July 1, 1995.

14 b. Adoptions.

15 c. Births, deaths, and marriages between the years 1921  
16 and 1941.

17 3. The Iowa department of public health shall submit the  
18 plan for transfer of responsibilities to the governor and the  
19 general assembly no later than January 1, 2006.

20 EXPLANATION

21 This bill directs the Iowa department of public health and  
22 county officials to develop a plan to transfer the  
23 responsibilities of the state bureau of health statistics  
24 relating to vital records to county registrars by July 1,  
25 2007. The plan is required to include authorization for  
26 county registrars to possess by July 1, 2006, as an initial  
27 phase in the transfer, records of single-parent births  
28 occurring prior to July 1, 1995; adoptions; and births,  
29 deaths, and marriages occurring between the years 1921 and  
30 1941. The bill directs the department to submit the plan for  
31 transfer of responsibilities to the governor and the general  
32 assembly no later than January 1, 2006.

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