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BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the establishment of a family success
2 counseling demonstration program.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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HF 2673

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 217.36 FAMILY SUCCESS COUNSELING
2 DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.

3 1. A family success counseling demonstration program is
4 established to provide individuals and their families with the
5 life skills necessary to build and attain functional,
6 productive, and successful families. The demonstration
7 population shall be pregnant women and parents, and their
8 families participating in the federal special supplemental
9 nutrition program for women, infants, and children, as
10 authorized in the federal Child Nutrition Act of 1966, section
11 17, as amended and codified at 42 U.S.C. § 1786, at the
12 location of the expansion population provider network that is
13 a publicly owned acute care teaching hospital located in a
14 county with a population over three hundred fifty thousand as
15 described in chapter 249J.

16 2. The department shall select, through a sole-source
17 process, an existing nonprofit corporation that provides a
18 family counseling program which focuses on strengthening of
19 individuals, striving for healthy families, and the resulting
20 increase of strong local communities to implement this
21 section. The department shall utilize the following criteria
22 in selecting the counseling program:

23 a. The staff of the counseling program shall have
24 extensive training or experience in all of the following:
25 educational psychology, the development of program curriculum
26 and performance measures, instruction of teachers or other
27 professionals, family matters, child and adolescent issues,
28 counseling of both individuals and families, and program
29 administration, management, fundraising, and marketing.

30 b. The counseling program curriculum shall focus on
31 instilling in participants the core values of diligence,
32 discipline, and respect; family leadership and unchanging
33 family structure-related principles; and guidelines for strong
34 families. The program shall utilize teaching and learning
35 techniques that are effective with and relative to the

1 population served.

2 c. The counseling program design shall include:

3 (1) An initial twelve-week to sixteen-week series of
4 participation in group sessions utilizing lectures,
5 discussions, breakout groups, and role playing as techniques
6 in teaching the core values.

7 (2) A six-month series of participation in private weekly
8 counseling sessions with the final outcome of the sessions
9 being the preparation of a customized family blueprint. The
10 customized blueprint shall assist the family in establishing a
11 well-defined family unit in which each member has a role to
12 play in its structure.

13 (3) Follow-up with participants who complete the
14 counseling program in order to track long-term results.

15 d. The counseling program shall be adaptable to
16 populations, in addition to the demonstration population, for
17 potential expansion beyond the demonstration program.

18 3. The department shall assist the counseling program
19 selected in identifying funding options to implement the
20 program through sources including but not limited to the white
21 house office of faith-based and community initiatives, the
22 center for faith-based and community initiatives within the
23 United States department of health and human services, the
24 compassion capital fund of the administration of children and
25 families within the United States department of health and
26 human services, and the provisions of the federal Deficit
27 Reduction Act of 2005, Pub. L. No. 109-171. Additionally, the
28 department may, at the request of the counseling program,
29 provide a critique of any applications submitted in accessing
30 funding for the counseling program.

31 4. The counseling program selected shall provide
32 reasonable compensation to the expansion population provider
33 network provider described in subsection 1 for use of the
34 provider network location by the counseling program.

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EXPLANATION

1 This bill creates a family success counseling demonstration
2 program to provide individuals and their families with the
3 life skills necessary to build and attain functional,
4 productive, and successful families. The demonstration
5 population is to be pregnant women and parents, and their
6 families, participating in the federal special supplemental
7 nutrition program for women, infants, and children (WIC
8 program) at the location of the expansion population provider
9 network under IowaCare that is a publicly owned acute care
10 teaching hospital located in a county with a population over
11 350,000. The bill directs the department of human services to
12 procure a sole source contract to implement the program and
13 directs the department to assist the counseling program
14 selected in identifying funding options and by critiquing
15 applications for funding at the request of the counseling
16 program.

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