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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

Creating a special committee to study the public health laws of the State of Iowa and the methods used for public health protection and to make a report to the fifty-third General Assembly of Iowa, and making an appropriation for the committee to carry on its work.

WHEREAS, great advancements have been made in the science of medicine and in methods and procedures for the protection of the public health during recent years, and

WHEREAS, many of the statutes of Iowa dealing with the matter of public health now believed to be obsolete, and inadequate and it is also believed that it may be necessary to enlarge upon or make changes in the functions, duties and practices of the State Department of Health for the more efficient discharge of its duties, and greater protection of the public health, and

WHEREAS, in order to determine the nature of these problems and their correct solution it will require intensive study of existing laws, practices and procedures and a thorough survey of public health conditions, over a period of time longer than could be undertaken in a legislative session.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

- 1 Section 1. A special committee of nine members is
- 2 hereby created. Said committee shall consist of three
- 3 members of the Senate of the 52nd General Assembly to be
- 4 appointed by the president of the Senate; three members

5 of the House of Representatives of the 52nd General
6 Assembly to be appointed by the speaker of the House of
7 Representatives; and three citizens of the State of Iowa
8 to be appointed by the governor. Any vacancy in the
9 membership of the committee shall be filled by appointment
10 in the same manner by the same official and from the same
11 group as the original appointment. The committee shall
12 choose a chairman from its members and shall adopt rules
13 for the conduct of its proceedings.

1 **Sec. 2.** It shall be the duty of said committee to
2 make a comprehensive study of the statutes of the State
3 of Iowa dealing with the matter of public health and the
4 functions of the State Department of Health for the
5 purpose of ascertaining the changes, if any, necessary in
6 the laws of the State of Iowa affecting the public health
7 and any advisable changes in the functions, duties and
8 practices of the State Department of Health for the greater
9 protection of the public health in the state.

1 **Sec. 3.** The committee shall have the cooperation of
2 the State Department of Health and its staff in the
3 performance of the duties herein imposed, and is authorized
4 to call on any department of the state government for
5 assistance in obtaining information deemed useful to the
6 committee.

1 **Sec. 4.** The committee shall have access to all
2 public records pertaining to health matters, and shall

3 be given the cooperation of all public officials. The
4 committee may hold public hearings and may subpoena
5 witnesses. The committee shall generally have all the
6 powers of legislative committee or a joint legislative
7 committee. The chairman or any member of the committee
8 shall have power to administer oaths.

1 Sec. 5. The committee shall enter into its duties
2 as soon as the membership has been appointed. It shall
3 make a report including drafts of proposed bills to the
4 governor on or before November 15, 1948. Upon the making
5 of its said report to the governor the committee shall
6 stand discharged of its duties hereunder. The governor
7 shall cause to be printed the necessary number of copies
8 of said report and shall mail copies of said printed
9 report to the elected members of the 53rd General Assembly
10 on or before December 15, 1948.

1 Sec. 6. The committee is hereby empowered to employ
2 a secretary and such other employees as are necessary for
3 the proper conduct of the business of the committee, and
4 to fix the compensation of such employees. All members
5 of the committee shall be reimbursed for the actual and
6 necessary expenses incurred by them in the discharge
7 of their duties. Members of the committee appointed by
8 the governor shall receive a compensation of \$10.00 per
9 day for days actually engaged in the work of the committee.
10 Legislative members of the committee shall receive as

11 compensation such amounts as the 53rd General Assembly
 12 may allow. The Executive Council shall provide the
 13 committee with a suitable office and the necessary
 14 office supplies and equipment for the conduct of its
 15 business.

1 Sec. 7. There is hereby appropriated the sum of
 2 ten thousand (\$10,000.00) dollars, or so much thereof
 3 as may be necessary for the purpose of paying the
 4 expense of the committee members and employees, the
 5 cost of office supplies and the other expenses of the
 6 committee incurred in the performance of the duties
 7 herein imposed, and the cost of printing the committee's
 8 report. The chairman of the committee shall certify
 9 the expenses of the committee as herein provided to the
 10 state comptroller. Upon certification thereof, such
 11 expenses shall be paid by the comptroller in the same
 12 manner as other expenses of the state.

1 Sec. 8. This resolution being deemed of immediate
 2 importance shall be in full force and effect upon its
 3 publication in the,
 4 a newspaper published in, Iowa, and
 5 the, a newspaper published
 6 in, Iowa.