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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
HUMAN RESOURCES BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON BODDICKER)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring the department of human services to establish a
2 statewide central intake unit for receiving reports of child
3 abuse.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 232.70, Code 2001, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 2A. The department shall establish a
4 statewide central intake unit for receiving child abuse
5 reports. The intake unit shall have the ability to receive
6 reports over a single, statewide toll-free telephone number.
7 The intake unit staff shall have special training in receiving
8 and properly responding to child abuse reports.

9 EXPLANATION

10 This bill amends Code section 232.70, relating to the child
11 abuse reporting procedure, to require the department of human
12 services to establish a statewide central intake unit for
13 reports of child abuse.

14 The intake unit is required to have the ability to receive
15 reports over a single, statewide toll-free telephone number.
16 The unit's staff are required to have special training in
17 receiving and properly responding to child abuse reports.

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1 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24 S- UNFINISHED BUSINESS CALENDAR

2 BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

3 (SUCCESSOR TO HSB 166)

4 A Concurrent Resolution requesting the legislative
5 council to establish a study committee relating to
6 the creation of a statewide central intake unit for
7 receiving child abuse reports.

8 WHEREAS, it has been recommended by the citizens'
9 aide that the child abuse reporting system be
10 redesigned so that child abuse reporters have a single
11 point of contact, which the reporters can be
12 instructed to call, regardless of where the reporters
13 live, the time of day, or which field office of the
14 department of human services has responsibility to
15 evaluate the report; that reporters are given the
16 opportunity to speak with an intake worker during
17 their initial call; and that all report information,
18 regardless of who initially receives the report, may
19 be promptly documented and retained, timely routed,
20 and appropriately evaluated; and

21 WHEREAS, the redesign of the child abuse reporting
22 system should be done in a manner that improves
23 protection for children and families, prudently
24 allocates resources, ensures accountability for those
25 charged with child protection responsibilities, and
26 addresses other complex issues; NOW THEREFORE,

27 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE
28 SENATE CONCURRING, That the legislative council is
29 requested to establish a study committee for the 2001
30 interim to consider creation of a statewide central

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1 intake unit by the department of human services for
2 receiving child abuse reports; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the study committee
4 should include members of the general assembly,
5 individuals knowledgeable about child protection and
6 prevention of child abuse, and other interested
7 persons, including but not limited to representatives
8 of the department of human services, the juvenile
9 court and juvenile court services, the department of
10 justice, county attorneys, guardians ad litem, child
11 advocates, and critics of the child protection system;
12 and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the study committee
14 should be directed to utilize national experts, to
15 address other issues associated with the state's child
16 protection system, and to report its findings and
17 recommendations for consideration by the governor and
18 the Seventy-ninth General Assembly, 2002 Regular
19 Session.

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 24

H-1423

1 Amend House Concurrent Resolution 24 as follows:
2 1. Page 2, line 10, by inserting after the word
3 "justice," the following: "the citizens' aide,".

By HOVERSTEN of Woodbury

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24
BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES
(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 166)

A Concurrent Resolution requesting the legislative council to establish a study committee relating to the creation of a statewide central intake unit for receiving child abuse reports.

WHEREAS, it has been recommended by the citizens' aide that the child abuse reporting system be redesigned so that child abuse reporters have a single point of contact, which the reporters can be instructed to call, regardless of where the reporters live, the time of day, or which field office of the department of human services has responsibility to evaluate the report; that reporters are given the opportunity to speak with an intake worker during their initial call; and that all report information, regardless of who initially receives the report, may be promptly documented and retained, timely routed, and appropriately evaluated; and

WHEREAS, the redesign of the child abuse reporting system should be done in a manner that improves protection for children and families, prudently allocates resources, ensures accountability for those charged with child protection responsibilities, and addresses other complex issues; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the legislative council is requested to establish a study committee for the 2001 interim to consider creation of a statewide central

1 intake unit by the department of human services for
2 receiving child abuse reports; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the study committee
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8 of the department of human services, the juvenile
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10 justice, the citizens' aide, county attorneys,
11 guardians ad litem, child advocates, and critics of
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