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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act directing the department of corrections to evaluate the  
2 potential rehabilitative effects of certain alternative  
3 programs.

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

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1 Section 1. ALTERNATIVE REHABILITATION PROGRAMS.

2 1. The department of corrections shall evaluate the  
3 potential rehabilitative effectiveness of providing convicted  
4 criminals with opportunities to participate in alternative  
5 rehabilitation programs such as religious programs, stress  
6 release therapy, or other faith-based or non-faith-based  
7 programs. The evaluation shall consider the rehabilitative  
8 effects of these programs in both institutional and community-  
9 based corrections settings. The department may review  
10 alternative programs used in other states and consider  
11 programs currently available in this state. The department  
12 shall report on or before January 14, 2002, to the governor  
13 and general assembly with its findings and any  
14 recommendations.

15 2. If the department determines an alternative program may  
16 be effective and can be instituted within existing budgetary  
17 resources, the department may implement the program during the  
18 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001.

19 EXPLANATION

20 This bill directs the department of corrections to evaluate  
21 the potential rehabilitative effects of alternative programs  
22 for convicted criminals such as religious or non-faith-based  
23 programs or stress relief therapy.

24 The department is required to report concerning the  
25 alternative programs to the governor and general assembly by  
26 January 14, 2002. If the department determines an alternative  
27 program may be effective and can be instituted within existing  
28 budgetary resources, the department may implement the program  
29 during fiscal year 2001-2002.

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