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HUMAN RESOURCES

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the contents of certain child abuse assessment
2 reports.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 232.71B, subsection 11, Code 2001, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. h. If after completing the assessment
4 process the child protection worker determines, with the
5 concurrence of the worker's supervisor and the department's
6 area administrator, that a report is a spurious report or that
7 protective concerns are not present, the portions of the
8 assessment report described under paragraphs "d" and "e" shall
9 not be required.

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EXPLANATION

This bill modifies Code section 232.71B requirements for
completion of a child abuse assessment report. If, after a
child protection worker completes the assessment process, the
worker determines that the child abuse report was spurious or
that there are not protective concerns present, the assessment
report need not include identification of the strengths and
needs of the child and the child's family or the services
available to address the strengths and needs. Concurrence
with the worker's determination by the worker's supervisor and
the department's area administrator is required.