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HUMAN RESOURCES

HOUSE FILE 611
BY FORD

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring the director of human services to convene a task
2 force to address the statewide disparity in the out-of-home
3 placement of children and providing an effective date.

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

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HF 611

1 Section 1. OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN -- DISPARITY
2 STUDY. The director of human services shall convene a task
3 force to determine the causes of the greater incidence of
4 foster care and other out-of-home placements of children in
5 some areas of the state than in others. In addition, the task
6 force shall recommend options tailored to the particular areas
7 of greater incidence that are believed to be effective in
8 reducing the incidence of out-of-home placements in those
9 areas. The membership of the task force shall be broad-based
10 and shall include representatives of the judicial branch,
11 local and state foster care review boards, foster parents,
12 group foster care providers, area education agencies, and
13 others deemed appropriate by the director. The task force
14 shall report its findings and recommendations to the governor
15 and the general assembly on or before January 14, 2002.

16 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
17 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

18 EXPLANATION

19 This bill requires the director of human services to
20 convene a task force to address the statewide disparity in the
21 out-of-home placement of children.

22 The bill takes effect upon enactment.

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