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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON HUMAN
RESOURCES BILL BY
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the establishment of a prescription drug
2 assistance program.

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

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1 Section 1. PRESCRIPTION DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. The Iowa
2 department of public health in cooperation with the department
3 of human services shall develop a proposal for the
4 establishment of a prescription drug assistance program. The
5 purpose of the program shall be to serve low-income persons 65
6 years of age or older and low-income persons with disabilities
7 who are not eligible for medical assistance and who require
8 prescription drugs to treat a condition which, if left
9 untreated, could result in the person's admission to a health
10 care facility or could result in the person qualifying for
11 medical assistance. In developing the proposal, the Iowa
12 department of public health shall do all of the following:

13 1. Identify health conditions that require prescription
14 drug treatment and which if not treated may lead to admission
15 to a health care facility or result in qualifying for medical
16 assistance.

17 2. Identify the group of low-income persons 65 years of
18 age or older and low-income persons with disabilities who are
19 in most need of assistance.

20 3. Estimate the number of persons potentially eligible for
21 assistance under the program.

22 4. Identify appropriate limitations on levels of
23 assistance.

24 5. Estimate the cost of providing assistance and the cost
25 of administering the program.

26 6. Review similar programs in other states.

27 7. Develop a simple and cost-effective system for
28 administering the program.

29 8. Develop a timetable for program implementation.

30 9. Explore ways to develop a public-private partnership to
31 provide funding for the program.

32 10. Conduct any other activities that will assist in the
33 development of a proposal.

34 The Iowa department of public health shall submit a
35 proposal to the general assembly and the governor no later

1 than September 1, 2001. The proposal shall include several
2 options for consideration.

3 EXPLANATION

4 This bill directs the Iowa department of public health
5 (DPH) in cooperation with the department of human services to
6 develop a proposal for a prescription drug assistance program.
7 The program would provide assistance to low-income persons who
8 are 65 years of age or older and to low-income persons with
9 disabilities with certain conditions. The bill directs the
10 DPH to consider certain items in developing the proposal and
11 requires the DPH to submit a proposal by September 1, 2001 to
12 the general assembly and the governor.

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23 assistance.
- 24 5. Estimate the cost of providing assistance and the cost
25 of administering the program.
- 26 6. Review existing programs in the state, including but
27 not limited to the program developed by the Iowa department of
28 public health with funds received under the federal
29 Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2001, H.R. 4577, review
30 similar programs in other states, and review federal programs
31 to provide coordination between and to avoid duplication of
32 prescription drug assistance programs available in this state.
- 33 7. Develop a simple and cost-effective system for
34 administering the program.
- 35 8. Develop a timetable for program implementation.

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2 provide funding for the program.

3 10. Conduct any other activities that will assist in the
4 development of a proposal.

5 The Iowa department of public health shall submit a
6 proposal to the general assembly and the governor no later
7 than September 1, 2001. The proposal shall include several
8 options for consideration.

9 The Iowa department of public health shall not implement
10 any option developed as part of the study conducted under this
11 Act unless, following review of the options submitted, an
12 option is selected and approved by a constitutional majority
13 of each house of the general assembly and approved by the
14 governor.

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