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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to establishing a task force to study the
2 confining of inmates out of state.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. ILLINOIS PRISON USE TASK FORCE.

2 1. The governor shall establish a task force to study and
3 review the feasibility of using the empty prison in Thompson,
4 Illinois, to place persons committed to the custody of the
5 director of the Iowa department of corrections. The primary
6 goals of the task force are to determine the legality of using
7 such a facility, potential cost savings, and the impact on the
8 inmate population at Iowa correctional facilities. The task
9 force is urged to immediately contact the relevant authorities
10 in Illinois to determine if housing Iowa inmates at the
11 Illinois facility is feasible. The membership of the task
12 force shall include the following:

- 13 a. One member from the department of corrections.
- 14 b. One member from a judicial district department of
15 correctional services.
- 16 c. One member from the governor's office.
- 17 d. Two members of the senate standing committee on
18 judiciary.
- 19 e. One member of the house of representatives standing
20 committee on public safety.
- 21 f. One member of the house of representatives standing
22 committee on judiciary.

23 2. The task force shall report its findings and
24 recommendations, including proposed legislation, to the
25 governor and general assembly no later than January 1, 2007.

26 EXPLANATION

27 This bill relates to establishing a task force relating to
28 confining inmates out of state.

29 The bill provides that the governor shall establish a task
30 force to review the feasibility of using the empty prison in
31 Thompson, Illinois, to place persons committed to the custody
32 of the director of the Iowa department of corrections. The
33 primary goals of the task force are to determine the legality
34 of using such a facility, potential cost savings, and the
35 impact on the inmate population at Iowa correctional

1 facilities. The task force is urged to immediately contact
2 the relevant Illinois authorities to begin the review process.

3 The task force membership shall consist of the following:
4 one member from the department of corrections, one member from
5 a judicial district department of correctional services, one
6 member from the governor's office, two members from the senate
7 judiciary committee, one member from the house judiciary
8 committee, and one member from the house public safety
9 committee.

10 The bill provides the task force shall report its findings
11 to the governor and general assembly and any recommendations
12 by January 1, 2007.

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