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HOUSE FILE 2625  
BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 635)

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the distribution of a presentence  
2 investigation report in a criminal proceeding.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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HF 2625

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2 to read as follows:

3 901.4 PRESENTENCE INVESTIGATION REPORT CONFIDENTIAL --  
4 DISTRIBUTION.

5 The presentence investigation report is confidential and  
6 the court shall provide safeguards to ensure its  
7 confidentiality, including but not limited to sealing the  
8 report, which may be opened only by further court order. At  
9 ~~least three days prior to the date set for sentencing, the~~  
10 ~~court shall send a copy of all of the presentence~~  
11 ~~investigation report by ordinary or electronic mail, to the~~  
12 The defendant's attorney and the attorney for the state, and  
13 the shall have access to the presentence investigation report  
14 at least three days prior to the date set for sentencing. The  
15 report shall remain confidential except upon court order.  
16 However, the court may conceal the identity of the person who  
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20 defendant upon request. The reports are part of the record  
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23 department of corrections and is not a class "A" felon, ~~a copy~~  
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26 ~~commitment by the clerk of the district court and to the~~  
27 department and the board of parole at the time of commitment  
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29 Pursuant to section 904.602, the presentence investigation  
30 report may also be released by ordinary or electronic mail by  
31 the department of corrections or a judicial district  
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33 for the purpose of providing interstate probation and parole  
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35 services or evaluations, or to a substance abuse or mental

1 health services provider when referring a defendant for  
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10 EXPLANATION

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24 current law and the bill, the department of corrections  
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26 A presentence investigation report is a report detailing a  
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## MEMORANDUM

TO: MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

FROM: IOWA JUDICIAL BRANCH

DATE: January 26, 2006

RE: TLSB 5366DP

The population formula for district associate judges was last updated in 1994 when the limit on was raised from four judges for counties having a population of 200,000 or more, to seven judges for counties having a population of 305,000 or more. The limit needs to be raised again and adjusted to address the population growth in the state's most populous counties. In addition, the current formula ties the number of judges to which a county is entitled to a variety of population increments, which on its face appears to be inequitable. This inequity would be removed if there were fewer or no variations in the population increments. The proposal in section 1 of the bill uses population increments of 45,000 per judge except for the initial population range. This revision would not result in any counties losing a judge, but it would make some counties eligible for an additional district associate judges. However, the statute currently includes a provision that ties allocation of additional judges subject to approval of the supreme court and availability of funds.

The balance of the bill provides for a process to convert a new or vacant district associate judgeship to three magistrates. Currently, the Code contains a similar provision that allows for the conversion of three magistrate positions for a district associate judgeship. The purpose of the proposal is to provide judicial districts with more flexibility in addressing their specific case load needs as the district's case load changes over time. The current magistrate/DAJ conversion process in section 602.6302 provides a measure of flexibility, but can only be undone when there is a vacancy in the district associate judgeship specifically created by the conversion. This vacancy may not occur for decades.