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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring creation of a small business health care
2 coverage assistance program in the insurance division of the
3 department of commerce.

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

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 505.21A SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH
2 CARE COVERAGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

3 1. The commissioner of insurance shall create a program to
4 provide technical assistance and other support to small
5 businesses in making health care coverage available to
6 employees. The commissioner shall designate one or more full-
7 time equivalent positions to staff the program. The technical
8 assistance shall include but is not limited to developing
9 small business purchasing strategies and providing advice
10 regarding health coverage market and purchasing trends.

11 2. For the purposes of this section, "small business"
12 means an employer with twenty-five or fewer employees working
13 twenty or more hours per week.

14 EXPLANATION

15 This bill requires the commissioner of insurance to create
16 a small business health care coverage assistance program in
17 the insurance division of the department of commerce. The
18 commissioner is required to designate at least one full-time
19 equivalent position for the program. The term "small
20 business" is defined as an employer with 25 or fewer employees
21 working 20 or more hours per week.

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