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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act establishing a program for providing home visits for all  
2 families in the state with a newborn child.

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

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 28.11 FAMILIES WITH A NEWBORN  
2 CHILD -- HOME VISITS.

3 1. a. The Iowa empowerment board shall implement a  
4 program with the goal of making available a home visit for  
5 each household in the state with a family that has a newborn  
6 child. The components of the home visit shall include but are  
7 not limited to assessing the child's home environment,  
8 educating the families concerning newborn children, and  
9 assisting families in accessing appropriate services.

10 b. The Iowa board shall coordinate with existing programs  
11 that provide a visit to families with a newborn child as  
12 necessary to make the best use of resources. The program  
13 implemented pursuant to this section shall be directed to  
14 areas of the state that are underserved or do not have a home  
15 visit program.

16 2. The delivery of the home visit program under this  
17 section shall be administered at the local level through the  
18 local board of health as defined in section 137.2. The  
19 following requirements shall apply to local programs receiving  
20 funding under the program:

21 a. Home visits shall be made by qualified and trained  
22 staff.

23 b. The program staff shall demonstrate a capacity to  
24 competently complete home visits and facilitate referrals to  
25 and interventions by other resources available in the  
26 community, based upon needs identified during a home visit.

27 c. The local program must have an acceptable plan for  
28 implementing a cooperative arrangement with local hospitals  
29 and birthing centers for the hospitals and centers to provide  
30 referral information for contacting families with a newborn  
31 child.

32 d. The local program must have the capacity to bill third-  
33 party payors as appropriate and to leverage additional  
34 resources, such as local cash or in-kind matching  
35 contributions to sustain and enhance the local program.

1 e. The local program must apply performance measures  
2 identified by the Iowa board and the local program  
3 administrator and shall report outcome information on a  
4 regular basis identified by the Iowa board.

5 3. The Iowa board shall implement the provisions of this  
6 section subject to the funding provided for purposes of this  
7 section.

8 EXPLANATION

9 This bill establishes a program for providing home visits  
10 for all families in the state with a newborn child.

11 New Code section 28.11 directs the Iowa empowerment board  
12 to implement the program with the goal of making available a  
13 home visit for each household in the state with a family that  
14 has a newborn child. The board is required to coordinate this  
15 program with existing programs providing home visits to  
16 families with a newborn child and to target areas of the state  
17 that are not served or are underserved.

18 The program at the local level is required to use the local  
19 board of health as administrator. The bill includes  
20 requirements for the local program. The Iowa empowerment  
21 board's implementation of the program is subject to the  
22 funding provided for purposes of the program.

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