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BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3013)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act revising the membership requirements for the child
2 advocacy board.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 237.16, subsection 1, Code 2005, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. The child advocacy board is created within the
4 department of inspections and appeals. The state board
5 consists of nine members appointed by the governor, subject to
6 confirmation by the senate and directly responsible to the
7 governor. One member shall be an active court appointed
8 special advocate volunteer, one member shall be an active
9 member of a local citizen foster care review board, and one
10 member shall be a judicial branch employee or judicial officer
11 appointed from nominees submitted by the judicial branch. The
12 appointment is for a term of four years that begins and ends
13 as provided in section 69.19. Vacancies on the state board
14 shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments
15 are made.

16 EXPLANATION

17 This bill amends Code section 237.16, relating to the
18 membership of the child advocacy board. Current law provides
19 for the board to have nine members, with two members
20 designated to represent particular interests. The bill
21 specifies that one of the nine members must also be an active
22 member of a local citizen foster care review board.

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2 are amended to read as follows:

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4 department of inspections and appeals. The state board
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7 governor. One member shall be an active court appointed
8 special advocate volunteer, one member shall be an active
9 member of a local citizen foster care review board, and one
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14 shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments
15 are made.

16 3. An employee of the department or of the department of
17 inspections and appeals, ~~an employee of a child-placing~~
18 ~~agency, an employee of an agency with which the department~~
19 ~~contracts for services for children under foster care, a~~
20 ~~foster parent providing foster care,~~ or an employee of the
21 district court is not eligible to serve on the state board.
22 However, the judicial branch employee or judicial officer
23 appointed from nominees submitted by the judicial branch in
24 accordance with subsection 1 shall be eligible to serve on the
25 state board.

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EXPLANATION

27 This bill amends Code section 237.16, relating to the
28 membership of the child advocacy board. Current law provides
29 for the board to have nine members, with two members
30 designated to represent particular interests. The bill
31 specifies that one of the nine members must be an active
32 member of a local citizen foster care review board. The bill
33 also eliminates restrictions against the following persons
34 serving as members of the child advocacy board: an employee
35 of a child-placing agency, an employee of an agency with which

1 the department contracts for services for children under
2 foster care, and a foster parent providing foster care.

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STEVEN K. YOUNG, DIRECTOR

Memo

To: Members of the 81st General Assembly
From: Steve Young
Date: November 23, 2005
Re: Proposed Child Advocacy Board Legislation

The Child Advocacy Board proposes legislation to modify the Board membership, by requiring one member to be an active local foster care review board volunteer. This change is consistent with the current requirement for one member to be an active court-appointed special advocate volunteer.

The legislation also proposes removing the restrictions for employees of child placing agencies and providers of services and foster parents to serve on the State Board. This restriction remains for persons serving on local boards. The State Board's mission focuses on addressing systemic issues in the child welfare system rather than the individual cases reviewed by local boards. Having persons active in child welfare, such as employees of child placing agencies and providers of services and foster parents, can benefit the mission of the State Board.

If you have any questions regarding this legislation, please contact Beverly Zylstra, Legislative Liaison, at 515-281-6442 or via e-mail at beverly.zylstra@dia.state.ia.us.

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AN ACT

REVISING THE MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CHILD ADVOCACY BOARD.

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

Section 1. Section 237.16, subsection 1, Code 2005, is amended to read as follows:

1. The child advocacy board is created within the department of inspections and appeals. The state board consists of nine members appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by the senate and directly responsible to the governor. One member shall be an active court appointed special advocate volunteer, one member shall be an active member of a local citizen foster care review board, and one member shall be a judicial branch employee or judicial officer appointed from nominees submitted by the judicial branch. The appointment is for a term of four years that begins and ends

JEFFREY M. LAMBERTI
President of the Senate

CHRISTOPHER C. RANTS
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 2343, Eighty-first General Assembly.

MICHAEL E. MARSHALL
Secretary of the Senate

Approved _____, 2006

THOMAS J. VILSACK
Governor