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DHS Reorganization Plan Released

The plan eliminates three service districts and consolidates abuse reporting functions.

Every state agency is looking for ways to save money and operate more efficiently. This week, the Department of Human Services (DHS) announced their reorganization plan. You can view details below:

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The State Government Reorganization Commission has been meeting to review options for reorganizing and improving government. At the same time, Governor Culver hired nationally-recognized government efficiency experts to make recommendations. Both released their recommendations this week. Some of the recommendations included moving the Division of Mental Health & Disability Services, currently in the Department of Human Services, to the Department of Public Health.

Please note that some of these require legislative approval, while others can be done without it.

Click here to review the [legislative government reorganization recommendations](#), [public suggestions to the committee](#), and [agency recommendations](#).

[Click here to review the plan presented by the Governor's consultants.](#)

[Click here](#) for Des Moines Register summary of State Government Reorganization Commission's final recommendations.

The Governor hopes to sign an Executive Order in the next week to implement all non-legislative recommendations from his report.

Democrats Reorganize Committees

Special Elections drive committee changes in the House.

Two new legislators will join the Iowa House of Representatives this year thanks to the immediate resignations and special elections of former Representatives John Whitaker and Dick Taylor. Rep. Curt Hanson and Rep. Kirsten Running-Marquardt will begin serving in the 2010 Legislature. House leaders have released the new committee lists, and have switched things up a bit. [Click here to review \(changes are highlighted\).](#)

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