

# Protecting Iowa's Children

With the goal of protecting Iowa's children and stopping the cycle of abuse, the House Human Resources Committee approved a bill to expand the definition of child abuse.

Senate File 393 bans the practice of knowingly showing or allowing access of obscene materials to a child. This action is added to the definition

of child abuse and a person found guilty of this action will be subject to the child abuse registry provisions.

In addition, the bill includes these actions as part of qualifications for the Child In Need of Assistance (CINA) adjudications. This will assist in addressing issues where a child is imminently likely to

suffer harmful effects from a parent, guardian or custodian, or person responsible for the care of the child. A child who is adjudicated a CINA is subject to the least disruptive order to protect the child.

Senate File 393 is now eligible for consideration by the Iowa House.