

In the Iowa Supreme Court

Request for Public Comment on
Proposed Chapter 70 of the Iowa
Court Rules, Rules of Juvenile
Court Services Directed Programs

Order

Pursuant to 2022 Iowa Acts chapter 1098, sections 70 and 92, the administration of early intervention and follow-up programs, graduated sanctions and court-ordered services, will transfer from the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services to the Iowa Judicial Branch. The transfer will take effect July 1, 2023, contingent on specific appropriation. Additionally, section 70 requires the supreme court to prescribe rules to implement the administration of these programs and services.

A juvenile court services workgroup was formed to address these changes and make recommendations to the court. The workgroup recommended the addition of a new chapter—chapter 70—to the Iowa Court Rules to govern the administration of these programs and services.

Before taking further action, the supreme court seeks public comment on the workgroup's proposed court rules. The supreme court's request for public comment does not imply that the court will adopt any proposed rules without further consideration.

The proposed rules are provided with this order and are available on the judicial branch website at http://www.iowacourts.gov/iowa-courts/supreme-court/orders/. In addition, copies of the proposed rules are available at the office of the Clerk of the Iowa Supreme Court.

Any interested organization, agency, or person may submit written comments. Comments about a proposed rule must refer to the specific rule number and line number (for example, "rule 70.101(5), lines 15–24"). Emailed comments must be sent to rules.comments@iowacourts.gov, must state "Rules of Juvenile Court Services Directed Programs" in the subject line of the email, and must be sent as an attachment to the email in Microsoft Word

format. Comments may be delivered in person or mailed to the Clerk of the Iowa Supreme Court, 1111 East Court Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.

Any comments received may be posted on the Iowa Judicial Branch website.

The deadline for submitting comments is 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 10, 2022.

Dated this 9th day of September, 2022.

The Iowa Supreme Court

By:

Susan Larson Christensen, Chief Justice