

CHAPTER 1066  
PRESCHOOL FACILITIES

H. F. 2533

AN ACT to add to chapter two hundred thirty-seven A (237A) of the Code, relating to child day care facilities, a definition of the term "preschool" and to establish special criteria for certain rules of the department of social services which govern child care facilities that are preschool.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. Section two hundred thirty-seven A point one (237A.1), Code 1979, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. "Preschool" means a child day care facility which provides to children ages three through five, for periods of time not exceeding three hours per day, programs designed to help the children to develop intellectual skills, social skills and motor skills, and to extend their interest and understanding of the world about them.

Sec. 2. Section two hundred thirty-seven A point twelve (237A.12), subsection one (1), Code 1979, is amended to read as follows:

1. The number and qualifications of personnel necessary to assure the health, safety, and welfare of children in the facilities. Rules for facilities which are preschools shall be drawn so that any staff-to-children ratios which relate to the age of the children enrolled shall be based on the age of the majority of the children served by a particular class rather than on the age of the youngest child served.

Approved May 19, 1980

CHAPTER 1067  
DISPLACED HOMEMAKERS SERVICE CENTERS

S. F. 430

AN ACT to provide multipurpose service centers for displaced homemakers.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. NEW SECTION. DEFINITIONS. As used in this Act, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "Displaced homemaker" means an individual who meets all of the following criteria:

a. Has worked principally in the home providing unpaid household services for family members.

b. Is not gainfully employed.

c. Has had, or would apparently have, difficulty finding appropriate paid employment.

d. Has been dependent on the income of another family member but is no longer supported by that income, is or has been dependent on government assistance, or is supported as the parent of a child who is sixteen or seventeen years of age.

2. "Department" means the department of social services.

3. "Commissioner" means the commissioner of the department of social services.

Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION AND FUNDING AS A PROVIDER OF SERVICES FOR DISPLACED HOMEMAKERS. Upon receipt of state or federal funding designated to assist displaced homemakers, a public or private nonprofit group may apply to the commissioner for designation and funding as a provider of services to displaced homemakers. The application shall be submitted on a form prescribed by the commissioner and shall include all of the following:

1. A proposal for the establishment of a multipurpose service program for displaced homemakers which provides some or all of the following:

a. Job counseling specifically designed for a person entering or reentering the job market after a number of years as a homemaker.

b. Job training and placement services including but not limited to:

(1) Training programs for available jobs in the public and private sectors developed by working with public and private employers, taking into account the skills and job experiences of a homemaker.

(2) Assistance in locating available employment for displaced homemakers, some of which may be in existing job training and placement programs.

(3) Utilization of services of the state employment service, which shall cooperate with the department in locating employment opportunities.

c. Utilization of services of existing agencies and programs to provide information on and assistance with financial management, legal problems and health care.

d. Utilization of services of existing agencies and programs to obtain educational services, including assistance in attaining high school equivalency diplomas and other courses which are of interest and benefit to displaced homemakers.

e. Outreach and information services with respect to public employment, education, health and unemployment assistance programs which are of interest and benefit to displaced homemakers.

f. Development and implementation of an educational program designed to promote public and professional awareness of the problems of displaced homemakers and of the availability of services for displaced homemakers.

g. Development and implementation of a counseling program providing emotional support by qualified personnel or peer groups or both.

2. A proposed budget.

3. Assurance by the applicant that the uniform method of data collection and program evaluation established by the commissioner pursuant to subsection one (1), paragraph c of section three (3) of this Act will be implemented.

4. Any other information the commissioner may require.

A public or private nonprofit group which receives designation as a provider of services to displaced homemakers under this Act shall comply with all applicable department rules.

Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. DEPARTMENT POWERS AND DUTIES.

1. The commissioner shall do all of the following:

a. Designate and award grants for existing and pilot programs, pursuant to section two (2) of this Act to provide services to displaced homemakers.

b. Designate an existing department staff member to perform the duties set forth in section six (6) of this Act.

c. Design and implement a uniform method of collecting data on displaced homemakers receiving services under this Act and of evaluating funded programs.

2. The department shall consult and cooperate with the department of job service, the United States commissioner of social security administration, the commission on the status of women, the state department of public instruction and other persons in the executive branch of the state government as the department considers appropriate to facilitate the coordination of multipurpose service programs established under this Act with existing programs of a similar nature.

3. The commissioner, in carrying out the provisions of this Act, may accept, use and dispose of contributions of money, services and property made available to the department by an agency or department of the state or federal government, or a private agency or individual.

Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. ADVISORY BOARD--MEMBERSHIP.

1. Upon enactment of this Act, the governor shall appoint a seven-member advisory board. Persons appointed to the advisory board shall be knowledgeable in the problems of displaced homemakers. Three members of the advisory board shall be representatives of community organizations which provide services to displaced homemakers. Two members shall be displaced homemakers or former displaced homemakers. Two members shall be members of the public. Of the seven members, no more than four shall be from the same political party. The board shall select its own chairperson. Four members constitute a quorum. Members serve at the pleasure of the governor.

2. The board shall meet at the call of the governor, or the board chairperson, or of any four board members. Each board member is entitled to reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of official duties from funds appropriated to the department of social services.

Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. DUTIES OF THE ADVISORY BOARD. The advisory board shall do all of the following:

1. Advise the project coordinator in the performance of his or her duties in the administration and coordination of programs funded under this Act.

2. Review and comment on applications received by the commissioner for designation and funding as a pilot program and on applications for education grants.

3. Advise the commissioner on rules to be promulgated to implement this Act.

4. Perform other duties the commissioner assigns.

Sec. 6. NEW SECTION. PROJECT COORDINATOR. The commissioner shall appoint a project coordinator who shall administer appropriated funds, coordinate funded programs, and perform other duties the commissioner assigns to the coordinator.

Approved May 13, 1980

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## CHAPTER 1068

### MEDICAL ASSISTANCE NOTICE OF SUBROGATION MAILED

H. F. 402

AN ACT relating to attorney notices of subrogation to the department of social services under the medical assistance program.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. Section two hundred forty-nine A point six (249A.6), subsection two (2), paragraph c, Code 1979, is amended to read as follows:

c. Any attorney representing an applicant for or recipient of assistance on a claim to which the department is subrogated under this section shall notify the department of the claim prior to filing any claim, commencing any action or negotiating any settlement offer.

The mailing and deposit in a United States post office or public mailing box of the notice, addressed to the department at its state or district office location, is adequate legal notice of the claim.

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