

# House File 177 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to state child care assistance program
- 2 eligibility and waiting list guidelines.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 237A.13, subsection 7, paragraph c, Code  
2 2015, is amended to read as follows:

3 c. Families with an income of more than one hundred percent  
4 but not more than one hundred ~~forty-five~~ eighty-five percent  
5 of the federal poverty level whose members, for at least  
6 twenty-eight hours per week in the aggregate, are employed  
7 or are participating at a satisfactory level in an approved  
8 training program or educational program.

9 EXPLANATION

10 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
11 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

12 This bill relates to state child care assistance program  
13 eligibility and waiting list guidelines.

14 The state child care assistance program is administered by  
15 the department of human services. Based upon the availability  
16 of the funding appropriated for state child care assistance  
17 for a fiscal year, the department establishes waiting lists  
18 for state child care assistance in descending order of  
19 prioritization.

20 Under current law, one of the waiting list requirements  
21 relates to families with an income of more than 100 percent but  
22 not more than 145 percent of the federal poverty level whose  
23 members, for at least 28 hours per week in the aggregate, are  
24 employed or are participating at a satisfactory level in an  
25 approved training program or educational program. The bill  
26 increases this waiting list income eligibility limit from 145  
27 percent to 185 percent.