Regulatory Analysis

Notice of Intended Action to be published: 489—Chapter 3
"Local Foster Care Review Boards"

Iowa Code section(s) or chapter(s) authorizing rulemaking: 17A.3, 237.15, and 237.16

State or federal law(s) implemented by the rulemaking: Executive Order 10 and Iowa Code sections 17A.3, 237.15, and 237.16

Public Hearing

A public hearing at which persons may present their views orally or in writing will be held as follows:

March 24, 2026 10 a.m.	Microsoft Teams Meeting ID: 287 677 567 218 98 Passcode: Ny3YJ3ES

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written or oral comments concerning this Regulatory Analysis, which must be received by the Department of Health and Human Services no later than 4:30 p.m. on the date of the public hearing. Comments should be directed to:

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Purpose and Summary

Chapter 3 sets forth the establishment of local foster care boards throughout the State, as deemed necessary by the statewide Child Advocacy Board (State Board). As a part of the Red Tape Review required by Executive Order 10, this chapter is proposed to be rescinded and its content integrated into 489—Chapter 1.

Analysis of Impact

1. **Persons affected by the proposed rulemaking:**

- **Classes of persons that will bear the costs of the proposed rulemaking:**

This proposed rulemaking does not have a cost to the public.

- **Classes of persons that will benefit from the proposed rulemaking:**

This proposed rulemaking will benefit members of the State Board by condensing the State Board's already established rules into one chapter under agency [489]. By extension, the rulemaking will benefit those children the State Board serves.

2. **Impact of the proposed rulemaking, economic or otherwise, including the nature and amount of all the different kinds of costs that would be incurred:**

- **Quantitative description of impact:**

There is not expected to be any quantitative impact of moving the established rules in this chapter into a combined 489—Chapter 1.

- **Qualitative description of impact:**

There is not expected to be a qualitative impact of this proposed rulemaking.

3. **Costs to the State:**

- **Implementation and enforcement costs borne by the agency or any other agency:**

The Department incurs personnel and other administrative costs associated with the implementation of proposed 489—Chapter 1.

- **Anticipated effect on State revenues:**

This proposed rulemaking is not expected to have any impact on State revenues.

4. **Comparison of the costs and benefits of the proposed rulemaking to the costs and benefits of inaction:**

The establishment of the State Board is required by Iowa Code sections 17A.3, 237.15, and 237.16.

5. **Determination whether less costly methods or less intrusive methods exist for achieving the purpose of the proposed rulemaking:**

Not applicable.

6. **Alternative methods considered by the agency:**

- **Description of any alternative methods that were seriously considered by the agency:**

Not applicable.

- **Reasons why alternative methods were rejected in favor of the proposed rulemaking:**

Not applicable.

Small Business Impact

If the rulemaking will have a substantial impact on small business, include a discussion of whether it would be feasible and practicable to do any of the following to reduce the impact of the rulemaking on small business:

- Establish less stringent compliance or reporting requirements in the rulemaking for small business.
- Establish less stringent schedules or deadlines in the rulemaking for compliance or reporting requirements for small business.
- Consolidate or simplify the rulemaking's compliance or reporting requirements for small business.
- Establish performance standards to replace design or operational standards in the rulemaking for small business.
- Exempt small business from any or all requirements of the rulemaking.

If legal and feasible, how does the rulemaking use a method discussed above to reduce the substantial impact on small business?

This proposed rulemaking is not expected to have any impact on small business.

Text of Proposed Rulemaking

ITEM 1. Rescind and reserve **489—Chapter 3**.