

House Amendment 1759

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1 1 Amend the amendment, H=1718, to House File 820, as
1 2 follows:
1 3 #1. Page 6, by inserting after line 40 the
1 4 following:
1 5 <Sec. _____. AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT
1 6 OF 2009 == ALLOCATION FOR INFANT AND TODDLER CARE
1 7 QUALITY.
1 8 1. Of the moneys appropriated from the additional
1 9 funding allocated under the federal American Recovery
1 10 and Reinvestment Act of 2009 for the federal child
1 11 care and development block grant to the department of
1 12 human services for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
1 13 2009, and ending June 30, 2010, that are federally
1 14 designated for activities that improve the quality of
1 15 infant and toddler care, \$2,365,556 is transferred to
1 16 the early childhood programs grant account in the Iowa
1 17 empowerment fund and shall be used in accordance with
1 18 this section for a program through community
1 19 empowerment areas for supporting low-income families
1 20 in securing high-quality child care.
1 21 2. The funds transferred pursuant to this section
1 22 shall be distributed as grants to community
1 23 empowerment areas by applying the formula for the
1 24 early childhood program grant account in section 28.9,
1 25 subsection 4, paragraph "b". Notwithstanding section
1 26 8.33, the funds shall be available for expenditure by
1 27 community empowerment areas in accordance with this
1 28 section for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009,
1 29 and the succeeding fiscal year.
1 30 3. For the purposes of this subsection, "federal
1 31 poverty level" means the poverty level defined by the
1 32 most recently revised poverty income guidelines
1 33 published by the United States department of health
1 34 and human services. The program shall provide
1 35 financial assistance to families with infants and
1 36 toddlers less than age two that have a family income
1 37 of more than 145 percent but not more than 185 percent
1 38 of the federal poverty level. However, the department
1 39 may adjust the qualifying criteria or the financial
1 40 assistance purpose provisions specified in this
1 41 subsection or make other changes as necessary for
1 42 implementation to conform with federal requirements
1 43 for the funding. Outcome reporting and other grant
1 44 requirements shall be developed by the department in
1 45 cooperation with the Iowa empowerment board.
1 46 4. The financial assistance shall be for any of
1 47 the following purposes:
1 48 a. For making temporary payments to qualifying
1 49 families whose members are recently unemployed and
1 50 seeking work to use in meeting immediate family needs.
2 1 b. For providing sliding scale subsidies for
2 2 qualifying families for child care provided to the
2 3 families' infants and toddlers by providers who are
2 4 accredited by the national association for the
2 5 education of young children or the national
2 6 association for family child care, or who have a
2 7 rating at level 3 or higher under the child care
2 8 quality rating system implemented pursuant to section
2 9 237A.30.>
2 10 #2. By renumbering as necessary.
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