

Senate File 561

S-3203

1 Amend the amendment, S-3194, to Senate File 561, as follows:

2 1. Page 62, after line 18 by inserting:

3 <___. The department shall set child care provider
4 reimbursement rates based on the most recent market rate survey
5 completed.>

6 2. Page 78, after line 19 by inserting:

7 <DIVISION ____

8 STATE CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE — CHILDREN NEEDING SPECIAL NEEDS
9 CARE, INITIAL ELIGIBILITY, AND REIMBURSEMENT

10 Sec. ____. Section 237A.1, Code 2023, is amended by adding
11 the following new subsection:

12 NEW SUBSECTION. 7A. *"Children needing special needs care"*
13 or *"special needs child"* means a child or children with one or
14 more of the following conditions:

15 a. The child has been diagnosed by a physician or by a
16 person endorsed for service as a school psychologist by the
17 department of education to have a developmental disability
18 which substantially limits one or more major life activities,
19 and the child requires professional treatment, assistance in
20 self-care, or the purchase of special adaptive equipment.

21 b. The child has been determined by a qualified intellectual
22 disability professional to have a condition which impairs the
23 child's intellectual and social functioning.

24 c. The child has been diagnosed by a mental health
25 professional to have a behavioral or emotional disorder
26 characterized by situationally inappropriate behavior which
27 deviates substantially from behavior appropriate to the
28 child's age, or which significantly interferes with the child's
29 intellectual, social, or personal development.

30 Sec. ____. Section 237A.13, Code 2023, is amended by adding
31 the following new subsection:

32 NEW SUBSECTION. 1A. A family shall only be initially
33 eligible for state child care assistance if the family's gross
34 monthly income does not exceed the lesser of:

35 a. (1) (a) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, one

1 hundred sixty percent of the federal poverty level applicable
2 to the family size for children needing basic care.

3 (b) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, one hundred
4 seventy percent of the federal poverty level applicable to the
5 family size for children needing basic care.

6 (c) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, one hundred
7 eighty percent of the federal poverty level applicable to the
8 family size for children needing basic care.

9 (d) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, one hundred
10 ninety percent of the federal poverty level applicable to the
11 family size for children needing basic care.

12 (e) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2027, and for
13 each fiscal year thereafter, two hundred percent of the federal
14 poverty level applicable to the family size for children
15 needing basic care.

16 (2) Two hundred percent of the federal poverty level
17 applicable to the family size for children needing special
18 needs care.

19 *b.* Eighty-five percent of the state median gross monthly
20 income.

21 Sec. _____. Section 237A.13, subsection 8, Code 2023, is
22 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

23 NEW PARAGRAPH. *e.* Families with an income of more than
24 one hundred forty-five percent of the federal poverty level
25 but not more than the maximum income necessary to be eligible
26 for state child care assistance whose members, for at least
27 twenty-eight hours per week in the aggregate, are employed
28 or are participating at a satisfactory level in an approved
29 training program or educational program.>

30 3. By renumbering as necessary.

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