

House File 2163

H-8009

1 Amend House File 2163 as follows:

2 1. By striking everything after the enacting clause and
3 inserting:

4 <Section 1. Section 237.5A, Code 2026, is amended to read
5 as follows:

6 **237.5A Foster parent training.**

7 1. a. As a condition for initial licensure, each proposed
8 individual licensee shall complete ~~thirty hours of foster~~
9 parent training offered or approved by the department.
10 ~~However, if~~ When determining the appropriate foster parent
11 training for a proposed individual licensee, the department
12 shall consider the proposed individual licensee has completed
13 relevant training or has a combination of completed licensee's
14 relevant training and experience, and the department deems such
15 training or combination to be an acceptable equivalent to all
16 or a portion of the initial licensure training requirement, or
17 based upon the. In addition, the department shall consider the
18 circumstances of the child who will receive child foster care
19 from the proposed individual licensee and the circumstances of
20 the proposed individual licensee the department finds there is
21 other good cause, the department may waive all or a portion of
22 the training requirement.

23 b. Prior to renewal of licensure, each individual licensee
24 shall annually complete ~~six hours of foster parent training~~
25 as determined appropriate for the individual licensee by the
26 department. ~~The training~~

27 2. Training required under this section shall include but is
28 not limited to physical care, education, learning disabilities,
29 referral to and receipt of necessary professional services,
30 behavioral assessment and modification, self-assessment,
31 self-living skills, and biological parent contact. An
32 individual licensee not be limited to all of the following:

33 a. An overview of child welfare.

34 b. Biological parent contact and supporting a child's family
35 of origin.

1 c. Behavior management.

2 d. Trauma and the effect on child development.

3 e. Attachment, grief, and loss.

4 3. A person may complete the training required under this
5 section as part of an approved training program offered by a
6 public or private agency with expertise in the provision of
7 child foster care or in related subject areas. The department
8 shall adopt rules to implement and enforce this training
9 requirement.

10 ~~2.~~ 4. An individual licensee who is unable to complete six
11 ~~hours of foster parent training annually prior to licensure~~
12 ~~renewal~~ required under subsection 1, paragraph "b", because the
13 individual licensee is engaged in active duty in the military
14 service shall be considered to be in compliance with the
15 training requirement for licensure renewal.

16 ~~3.~~ 5. The department or the department's agent shall
17 notify an individual licensee within a reasonable amount of
18 time of any training the department believes would benefit the
19 individual licensee in the provision of child foster care.

20 6. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A
21 to implement and enforce this section.>

22 2. Title page, by striking lines 1 and 2 and inserting <An
23 Act relating to foster parent training requirements for the
24 licensure of individual child foster care providers.>

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