



[HF 2256](#) – Child in Need of Assistance Adjudication, Serious Chemical Dependency (LSB5382HV.2)

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Fiscal Note Version – As amended by Senate amendment [H-8299](#)

Description

[House File 2256](#) as amended by Senate amendment [H-8299](#) prohibits the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) from considering the lack of provision of appropriate behavioral or mental health treatment of a child as child abuse in instances where the child has a diagnosed behavioral health condition and, despite reasonable attempts, the child’s parent or legal guardian is unable to provide necessary care for the child’s health and welfare solely because the parent or legal guardian is unable to access appropriate treatment for the child. The HHS is permitted to assess a child’s situation and facilitate appropriate intervention deemed in the best interest of the child.

Fiscal Impact

The introduced version of House File 2256 required a **Fiscal Note** which included estimated fiscal impacts. House File 2256 was amended by the Senate on April 6, 2026, and the Bill no longer requires a **Fiscal Note**.

Source

Department of Health and Human Services

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The fiscal note for this Bill was prepared pursuant to [Joint Rule 17](#) and the Iowa Code. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Fiscal Services Division of the Legislative Services Agency upon request.
