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March 31, 2015

The Honorable Paul Pate
Secretary of State of Iowa
State Capitol Building
LOCAL

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

House File 372, an Act relating to court appointed special advocates and the confidentiality of information regarding a child receiving foster care.

The above House File is hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry E. Branstad".

Terry E. Branstad
Governor

cc: Secretary of the Senate
Clerk of the House



House File 372

AN ACT

RELATING TO COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES AND THE
CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION REGARDING A CHILD RECEIVING
FOSTER CARE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Section 237.21, subsection 1, Code 2015, is amended to read as follows:

1. The information and records of or provided to a local board, state board, or court appointed special advocate regarding a child who is receiving foster care or who is under the court's jurisdiction and the child's family when relating to services provided or the foster care placement are not public records pursuant to chapter 22. The state board and local boards, with respect to hearings involving specific children receiving foster care and the child's family, are not subject to chapter 21.

Sec. 2. Section 237.21, Code 2015, is amended by adding the following new subsections:

NEW SUBSECTION. 2A. A court appointed special advocate may attend family team decision-making meetings or youth transition decision-making meetings upon request by the family or child and disclose case-related observations and recommendations relating to a child or a child's family while attending the meetings.

NEW SUBSECTION. 2B. A court appointed special advocate may disclose case-related observations and recommendations to the agency assigned by the court to supervise the case, to the county attorney, or to the child's legal representative or guardian ad litem.

Sec. 3. Section 237.21, subsection 3, Code 2015, is amended

to read as follows:

3. Members of the state board and local boards, court appointed special advocates, and the employees of the department and the department of inspections and appeals are subject to standards of confidentiality pursuant to sections 217.30, 228.6, subsection 1, sections 235A.15, 600.16, and 600.16A. Members of the state and local boards, court appointed special advocates, and employees of the department and the department of inspections and appeals who disclose information or records of the board or department, other than as provided in ~~subsection 2~~ subsections 2, 2A, and 2B, sections 232.89 and 232.126, and section 237.20, subsection 2, are guilty of a simple misdemeanor.



KRAIG PAULSEN
Speaker of the House



PAM JOCHEM
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 372, Eighty-sixth General Assembly.



CARMINE BOAL
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved March 31, 2015



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