



STATE OF IOWA
KIM REYNOLDS
GOVERNOR

May 15, 2026

The Honorable Paul Pate
Secretary of State of Iowa
State Capitol
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I hereby transmit:

House File 1003, an Act relating to child placements.

The above House File is hereby approved on this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim Reynolds".

Kim Reynolds
Governor of Iowa

cc: Secretary of the Senate
Clerk of the House



House File 1003

AN ACT
RELATING TO CHILD PLACEMENTS.


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

Section 1. Section 232.102, subsection 1, paragraph c, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

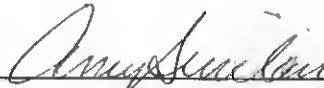
c. (1) A court shall not order placement of a child in a category identified in paragraph "a", subparagraph (2), (3), (4), or (5) without a specific finding that placement with an adult relative is not in the child's best interests and providing reasons for the court's finding.

(2) Notwithstanding any provision under this subsection to the contrary, if the court finds, during the dispositional hearing, that the child has been placed with an individual licensed under chapter 237 to provide foster care for at least nine months immediately preceding the dispositional hearing, the court shall not order placement of a child in a category identified in paragraph "a", subparagraph (1), (2), or (3),

without a specific finding that such placement is in the
child's best interests and providing reasons for the court's
findings.




PAT GRASSLEY
Speaker of the House



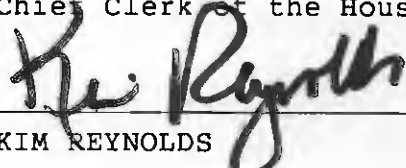
AMY SINCLAIR
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and
is known as House File 1003, Ninety-first General Assembly.



MEGHAN NELSON
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved May 15th, 2026



KIM REYNOLDS
Governor