

SENATE FILE 115
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to department of human services' child day care
2 nutritional standards.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 237A.12, subsection 3, Code 1995, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 3. The adequacy of activity programs and food services
4 available to the children.

5 a. If the cost of a child's care is paid in full or in
6 part by public funds, the rules shall require meals available
7 to the children to be nutritionally adequate.

8 b. ~~The-administrator~~ If the cost of the child's care is
9 not paid in full or in part by public funds, the rules shall
10 not restrict the use of or apply nutritional standards to a
11 lunch or other meal which is brought to the center or family
12 day care home by a school-age child for the child's
13 consumption. However, the rules shall require centers and
14 family day care homes to monitor lunches or other meals
15 brought by a child and to supplement those which are not
16 nutritionally adequate. In addition, if the center or family
17 day care home provider observes that the child regularly
18 brings a lunch or other meal which is not nutritionally
19 adequate, the rules shall require contact with the child's
20 parent or guardian to encourage improving the nutritional
21 content of the lunch or other meal.

22 EXPLANATION

23 This bill relates to department of human services' child
24 day care nutritional standards. Under current law, the
25 department's administrator for child day care regulation is
26 required to adopt rules for the adequacy of food services
27 available to children. The statute prohibits restricting or
28 applying nutritional standards to lunches or other meals
29 brought to child day care by a school-age child. The bill
30 modifies this prohibition to apply to a child of any age
31 unless the cost of the child's care is paid in full or in part
32 by public funds. However, the bill would require monitoring
33 of lunches or other meals and supplementing of those which are
34 not nutritionally adequate. In addition, if a child regularly
35 brings a meal which is not nutritionally adequate, the child

1 care provider must contact the parent to encourage improving
2 the nutritional content.

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