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(SUCCESSOR TO SF 2151)

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1 An Act relating to regional and statewide targets for foster care  
2 placements.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
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S-5354

1 Amend Senate File 2236 as follows:  
2 1. Page 1, line 19, by striking the word "ten"  
3 and inserting the following: "five".  
By JOHNNIE HAMMOND

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REMITTED

1 Section 1. Section 232.143, Code Supplement 1995, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 232.143 REGIONAL GROUP FOSTER CARE ~~TARGET~~ BUDGET TARGETS.

4 1. A statewide expenditure target ~~for-the-average-number~~  
5 ~~of~~ for children in group foster care placements ~~on-any-day-of~~  
6 in a fiscal year, which placements are a charge upon or are  
7 paid for by the state, shall be established annually in an  
8 appropriation bill by the general assembly. The department  
9 and the judicial department shall jointly develop a formula  
10 for allocating a portion of the statewide expenditure target  
11 established by the general assembly to each of the  
12 department's regions. The formula shall be based upon the  
13 region's proportion of the state population of children and of  
14 the statewide ~~number-of~~ expenditures for children placed in  
15 group foster care in the previous five completed fiscal years.  
16 The ~~number~~ expenditure amount determined in accordance with  
17 the formula shall be the group foster care placement budget  
18 target for that region. A region may exceed its budget target  
19 for group foster care by not more than ten percent in a fiscal  
20 year, provided the overall funding allocated by the department  
21 for all child welfare services in the region is not exceeded.

22 2. For each of the department's regions, representatives  
23 appointed by the department and the juvenile court shall  
24 establish a plan for containing the ~~number-of~~ expenditures for  
25 children placed in group foster care ordered by the court  
26 within the budget target allocated to that region pursuant to  
27 subsection 1. The plan shall include monthly targets and  
28 strategies for developing alternatives to group foster care  
29 placements in order to contain expenditures for child welfare  
30 services ~~provided-to-children~~ within the amount appropriated  
31 by the general assembly for that purpose. Each regional plan  
32 shall be established in advance of the fiscal year to which  
33 the regional plan applies. To the extent possible, the  
34 department and the juvenile court shall coordinate the  
35 planning required under this subsection with planning for

1 services paid under section 232.141, subsection 4. The  
2 department's regional administrator shall communicate  
3 regularly, as specified in the regional plan, with the  
4 juvenile courts within that region concerning the current  
5 status of the regional plan's implementation.

6 3. State payment for group foster care placements shall be  
7 limited to those placements which are in accordance with the  
8 regional plans developed pursuant to subsection 2. If a  
9 proposed group foster care placement in a region would meet  
10 the region's plan requirements except that the placement would  
11 cause a monthly or overall budget target to be exceeded and  
12 the child is eligible for an alternative service which is  
13 costlier and more restrictive than the proposed placement, the  
14 director of human services, after consultation with  
15 appropriate juvenile court officials, may allow an exception  
16 to policy and authorize the placement. At the close of the  
17 fiscal year, moneys for specific placements authorized by the  
18 director under this subsection shall be transferred from the  
19 state appropriation for the alternative placement to the  
20 appropriation for group foster care placements, as necessary  
21 to prevent a deficit in the appropriation for group foster  
22 care.

#### 23 EXPLANATION

24 This bill transforms regional and statewide targets for  
25 foster care placements into budget targets. Under current law  
26 the general assembly sets a statewide target for the average  
27 number of children in group foster care placements on any day  
28 of the fiscal year and the statewide target is allocated to  
29 department of human services' regional targets. The bill  
30 changes the statewide target to an expenditure target which is  
31 allocated according to formula to regional budget targets. A  
32 region is authorized to exceed its budget target for group  
33 foster care placements by not more than 10 percent provided  
34 the region does not exceed its overall budget for child  
35 welfare services.

1 The bill authorizes a group foster care placement which  
2 would cause a monthly or overall budget to be exceeded to be  
3 approved by the director of human services in consultation  
4 with appropriate juvenile court officials if all of the  
5 following conditions are met: the proposed placement meets  
6 the region's plan requirements and the child is eligible for  
7 an alternative placement which is more restrictive and more  
8 costly than the proposed placement. The bill provides for  
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(AS AMENDED AND PASSED BY THE SENATE MARCH 19, 1996)

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