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HUMAN RESOURCES

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to billings to counties for services provided by
2 institutions administered by the department of human services.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 222.73, subsection 2, Code 1997, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. g. If the billing for the cost of a
4 patient's care was certified to the director of revenue and
5 finance more than one hundred twenty days after the earliest
6 date the patient received care during the preceding calendar
7 quarter, the county shall not be responsible for the cost of
8 care provided to the patient. Instead, the amount which would
9 have otherwise been chargeable to the county shall be paid by
10 the state from moneys appropriated in section 222.69 and the
11 requirement for itemized vouchers executed by the auditor
12 shall not apply.

13 Sec. 2. Section 230.20, subsection 2, Code 1997, is
14 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

15 NEW PARAGRAPH. c. If the billing for the cost of services
16 provided to a patient was certified to the director of revenue
17 and finance more than one hundred twenty days after the
18 earliest date the services were chargeable to the county in
19 the previous calendar quarter, the county shall not be
20 responsible for the cost of care provided to the patient.
21 Instead, the amount which would have otherwise been chargeable
22 to the county shall be paid by the state from moneys
23 appropriated in section 230.11 and the requirement for
24 itemized vouchers executed by the auditor shall not apply.

25 Sec. 3. Section 233B.14, Code 1997, is amended to read as
26 follows:

27 233B.14 COUNTIES LIABLE.

28 1. Each A county is liable for sums paid by the home in
29 support of ~~all-its~~ children chargeable to the county to the
30 extent of a sum equal to one-half of the net cost of the
31 support and maintenance of ~~its~~ those children. The
32 superintendent shall certify to the director of revenue and
33 finance on the first day of each fiscal quarter the amount
34 chargeable to each county for support in the previous fiscal
35 quarter. If an amount was certified to the director of

1 revenue and finance more than one hundred twenty days after
2 the earliest date the amount was chargeable to the county in
3 the previous fiscal quarter, the county shall not be
4 responsible for the amount charged. Instead, the amount which
5 would have otherwise been chargeable to the county shall be
6 the responsibility of the state.

7 2. The sums for which each a county is liable shall be
8 charged to the county and collected as a part of the taxes due
9 the state, and shall be paid by the county at the same time
10 state taxes are paid.

11 3. ~~Should any~~ If a county ~~fail~~ fails to pay these bills
12 the amount chargeable to the county within sixty days from the
13 date of certificate-from certification by the superintendent,
14 the director of revenue and finance shall charge the
15 delinquent county the penalty of one percent per month on and
16 after sixty days from the date of certificate certification
17 until paid. Such Delinquent payment penalties shall be
18 credited to the general fund of the state.

19 EXPLANATION

20 This bill relates to billings to counties for services
21 provided by the following institutions administered by the
22 department of human services: state hospital-schools, state
23 mental health institutes, and the Iowa juvenile home. The
24 bill provides that if the date of the department's
25 certification of an amount chargeable to a county is more than
26 120 days following the first date of service in the previous
27 quarter, the county is not responsible for the chargeable
28 amount.

29 For the state hospital-schools and state mental health
30 institutes, the bill provides the amount otherwise chargeable
31 to the county is to be paid by standing appropriations for
32 cases payable by the state. For the Iowa juvenile home, the
33 bill provides the amount otherwise chargeable to the county is
34 a state responsibility. Code section 233B.14 is also amended
35 to divide and number paragraphs as subsections.