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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring the continued placement of a child with a foster  
2 parent who is a prospective adoptive parent for the child  
3 during a termination of parental rights proceeding.

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

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 232.120 PREADOPTIVE CARE --  
2 CONTINUED PLACEMENT.

3 If a foster parent is providing preadoptive care to a child  
4 for whom a termination of parental rights petition has been  
5 filed, the placement of the child with that foster parent  
6 shall continue through the termination of parental rights  
7 proceeding unless the court orders otherwise based upon the  
8 best interests of the child.

9 EXPLANATION

10 This bill requires the continued placement of a child with  
11 a foster parent who is a prospective adoptive parent for the  
12 child during a termination of parental rights proceeding  
13 unless the court orders otherwise based upon the best  
14 interests of the child. The bill refers to a foster parent  
15 providing preadoptive care which is defined by the juvenile  
16 justice code as "provision of parental nurturing on a full-  
17 time basis to a child in foster care by a person who has  
18 signed a preadoptive placement agreement with the department  
19 of human services for the purposes of proceeding with a legal  
20 adoption of the child". Parental nurturing includes but is  
21 not limited to furnishing of food, lodging, training,  
22 education, treatment, and other care.

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