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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to fees awarded to court-appointed attorneys in
2 juvenile court proceedings.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 232.141, subsection 2, paragraph b,
2 Code 1997, is amended to read as follows:

3 b. Reasonable compensation for an attorney appointed by
4 the court to serve as counsel or guardian ad litem.
5 Reasonable compensation shall be determined in substantially
6 the same manner as provided by section 815.7.

7 EXPLANATION

8 This bill provides that reasonable compensation for an
9 attorney appointed to serve as counsel or guardian ad litem in
10 a juvenile court proceeding shall be determined in the same
11 manner as in Code section 815.7. Code section 815.7 provides
12 that reasonable compensation for an attorney appointed to
13 represent a person charged with a crime shall be calculated
14 based on ordinary and customary charges for like services in
15 the community but in no event shall the fee be calculated on
16 an hourly rate that exceeds the rate provided for a contract
17 attorney in Code section 13B.4. Code section 13B.4 allows the
18 state public defender to enter into contracts with attorneys
19 for the representation of indigent defendants.

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