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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to child day care by creating a quality rating
2 system for publicly funded child day care facilities.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 237A.30 CHILD DAY CARE QUALITY
2 RATING SYSTEM.

3 1. The department shall develop a three-tiered quality
4 rating system applicable to child day care facilities that
5 receive public funding. The highest quality rating given to
6 qualified child day care facilities shall be the gold seal
7 quality care rating designation in accordance with standards
8 developed pursuant to this section.

9 2. a. In developing the quality rating standards for the
10 three-tiered system, the department of human services shall
11 consult with the department of education, the state child day
12 care advisory council, the Iowa head start directors
13 association, and parents utilizing child day care facilities.

14 b. The quality rating standards shall incorporate any
15 accreditation by a nationally recognized accrediting
16 association whose requirements substantially meet or exceed
17 the requirements established by the national association for
18 the education of young children, the national association of
19 family child care, or the national early childhood program
20 accreditation commission. The quality rating standards shall
21 provide that a child day care facility which holds such an
22 accreditation is eligible to receive the designation to
23 operate as a gold seal child day care facility.

24 3. Subject to an appropriation made for this purpose, the
25 department shall provide additional reimbursement to those
26 child day care facilities which hold the gold seal quality
27 care designation in accordance with this section.

28 4. In April of each year during the week of national
29 recognition of young children, the governor shall annually
30 recognize those child day care facilities which hold the gold
31 seal quality care designation.

32 EXPLANATION

33 This bill relates to child day care by creating a quality
34 rating system for publicly funded child day care facilities.

35 The department of human services is directed to establish a

1 three-tiered quality rating system for child day care
2 facilities. By definition in Code chapter 237A, child day
3 care facilities include child care centers, group day care
4 homes, and registered family day care homes. The highest
5 rating to be given to the facilities is the gold seal quality
6 care designation.

7 The department is to consult with the department of
8 education, the state child day care advisory council, the Iowa
9 head start directors association, and parents who utilize
10 child day care services in developing the quality rating
11 system.

12 Under the bill, a child day care facility which holds an
13 accreditation by a nationally recognized accrediting
14 association whose standards substantially meet or exceed those
15 established by various national child day care standards
16 organizations listed in the bill is automatically eligible for
17 the gold seal designation.

18 If funds are appropriated for this purpose, the department
19 is to provide additional reimbursement to child day care
20 facilities holding the gold seal quality care designation.

21 The bill requires the governor to annually recognize those
22 facilities which hold the gold seal designation. The
23 recognition is to be provided during the national week of
24 recognition for young children in April of each year.

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