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HUMAN RESOURCES

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to an order of child support for the provision of
2 a postsecondary education subsidy to a child who suffers from
3 a learning disability or a physical or mental disability.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 598.1, subsection 8, Code 1999, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 8. "Postsecondary education subsidy" means an amount which
4 either of the parties may be required to pay under a temporary
5 order or final judgment or decree for educational expenses of
6 a child who is between any of the following:

7 a. Between the ages of eighteen and twenty-two years if
8 the child is regularly attending a course of vocational-
9 technical training either as a part of a regular school
10 program or under special arrangements adapted to the
11 individual person's needs; or is, in good faith, a full-time
12 student in a college, university, or community college; or has
13 been accepted for admission to a college, university, or
14 community college and the next regular term has not yet begun.

15 b. Any age if the child has a learning disability or a
16 physical or mental disability.

17 Sec. 2. Section 598.21, subsection 5A, paragraph d, Code
18 1999, is amended to read as follows:

19 d. The child shall forward, to each parent, reports of
20 grades awarded at the completion of each academic session,
21 within ten days of receipt of the reports. Unless otherwise
22 specified by the parties or unless the child has a learning
23 disability or a physical or mental disability, a postsecondary
24 education subsidy awarded by the court shall be terminated
25 upon the child's completion of the first calendar year of
26 course instruction if the child fails to maintain a cumulative
27 grade point average in the median range or above during that
28 first calendar year.

29 EXPLANATION

30 This bill includes in the definition of a child who may
31 receive a postsecondary education subsidy, a child of any age
32 who has a learning disability or a physical or mental
33 disability.

34 The bill also makes an exception for a child who has such a
35 disability to the requirement that a child must maintain a

1 grade point average in the median range or above during the
2 first calendar year of postsecondary study to continue to
3 receive the postsecondary education subsidy.

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