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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act requiring the state director of human services to seek  
2 approval of the United States secretary of health and human  
3 services in establishing local disbursement units for the  
4 collection and disbursement of child support payments.

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

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1 Section 1. CHILD SUPPORT -- LOCAL DISBURSEMENT UNITS --  
2 DIRECTIVE.

3 1. The director of the department of human services shall  
4 seek the agreement of the United States secretary of health  
5 and human services in meeting the requirements of 42 U.S.C. §  
6 654b relating to the establishment and operation of a state  
7 disbursement unit for child support collection and  
8 disbursement, by allowing for the linkage of local  
9 disbursement units in accordance with 42 U.S.C. § 654b(a)(3).  
10 The director shall demonstrate to the secretary that the  
11 system will cost no more and would take no more time to  
12 establish or operate than a centralized system and that the  
13 system will provide one location to which income withholding  
14 may be sent by employers.

15 2. If the United States secretary of health and human  
16 services agrees to use of the linkage of local disbursement  
17 units, the department of human services shall implement the  
18 localized system.

19 EXPLANATION

20 This bill directs the state director of human services to  
21 seek the agreement of the United States secretary of health  
22 and human services to allow the state to establish and operate  
23 a network of local collection and disbursement units in place  
24 of the centralized disbursement unit required under federal  
25 law. The federal law (42 U.S.C. § 654b(a)(3)) provides that  
26 local disbursement units may be used if the secretary agrees  
27 that the localized system would not cost more and would take  
28 no more time to establish or operate than a centralized  
29 system. One condition of the exception is that employers be  
30 provided one location to which to send income withholding. If  
31 agreement is provided, the department is to implement the  
32 localized system.

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