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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to services for children by requiring the
2 department of human services to establish certification or
3 licensing standards for children's centers.

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

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HUMAN RESOURCES

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 237C.1 CHILDREN'S CENTERS.

2 The department of human services shall consult with the
3 department of inspections and appeals, the department of
4 education, and community-based children's service providers
5 and establish certification or licensing standards for
6 children's centers which offer two or more of the following:
7 child day care, medical child day care, respite care, family
8 support services, medical equipment, therapeutic day
9 programming, and educational enrichment. In establishing
10 initial and subsequent standards, the department shall review
11 other applicable certification and licensing standards,
12 impacts across programs, and funding sources. The department
13 shall not apply duplicative certification or licensing
14 procedures and requirements to these children's centers while
15 seeking to protect children's safety and promote quality
16 services.

17 EXPLANATION

18 This bill relates to services for children by requiring the
19 department of human services to establish certification or
20 licensing standards for children's centers. New Code section
21 237C.1 requires the department of human services to work with
22 various other departments and community-based service
23 providers in establishing the standards. A children's center
24 provides two or more services such as child care, respite
25 care, therapeutic day programming, and educational enrichment.
26 The department is to review various information sources to
27 ensure duplicative requirements are not applied to the
28 children's centers.

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