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BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
RIGHTS/STATUS OF WOMEN
DIVISION BILL)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to family investment program requirements
2 regarding the time period allowed for supported postsecondary
3 education assistance and including an applicability provision.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 239B.8, Code Supplement 1999, is
2 amended by adding the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 7. POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION. For family
4 investment agreements entered into on or after July 1, 1996,
5 the maximum allowable time period for supported postsecondary
6 education is limited to a total of thirty-six months. The
7 thirty-six-month allowance shall only be available for a
8 period of forty-eight consecutive months.

9 Sec. 2. AGREEMENTS IN EFFECT. This Act applies
10 prospectively to family investment agreements entered into on
11 or after July 1, 2000, and retrospectively to family
12 investment agreements containing postsecondary education
13 provisions in effect on July 1, 2000, that were entered into
14 before that date. The department of human services shall
15 amend those agreements subject to retrospective applicability
16 as necessary to apply the thirty-six month maximum allowance
17 authorized by this Act.

18 EXPLANATION

19 This bill relates to family investment program requirements
20 for supported postsecondary education assistance.

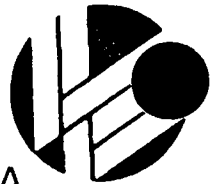
21 The bill amends Iowa Code section 239B.8, relating to
22 family investment agreements. For family investment
23 agreements entered into on or after July 1, 1996, the bill
24 provides that the maximum time period for supported
25 postsecondary education is limited to a total of 36 months
26 within a period of 48 consecutive months.

27 The bill includes an applicability provision providing for
28 prospective application of the bill and for retrospective
29 application to those agreements containing postsecondary
30 education provisions in effect on July 1, 2000, that were
31 entered into before that date. The department is to amend
32 those agreements that are subject to retrospective
33 applicability as necessary to apply the bill's 3-month maximum
34 allowance. Under current law, the maximum time period for
35 supported postsecondary education is 24 months within 36

1 consecutive months.

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**IOWA
COMMISSION
ON THE
STATUS
OF WOMEN**

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 11, 2000
TO: Members of the 78th Iowa General Assembly
FROM: Kathryn Burt, Chair
Charlotte Nelson, Executive Director
Iowa Commission on the Status of Women
RE: Pre-filed Bill

The Iowa Commission on the Status of Women has received testimony from coordinators of displaced homemaker programs at community colleges regarding the negative impact of the 24-month limit on education and training for Family Investment Program participants. What is now being experienced by participants is their having to exit an education or training program prior to completion, to take a low-paying job. Frequently, remedial courses are necessary, and the 24 months are exhausted shortly before the student completes a program that would prepare her (or him) for a higher-paying job. The road to self-sufficiency is through such education and training, and 36 months out of a consecutive 48 months would make the difference. A goal stated in the Governor's 21st Century Workforce Council's report is "to provide opportunities for education and training to enhance the earning potential of all Iowa citizens."

The Iowa Commission on the Status of Women at its meeting on October 25, 1999 voted to request a pre-filed bill making the change from a 24-month limit to a 36-month limit.

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BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3096)

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