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BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 177)

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Vote: Ayes 49 Nays 0 Vote: Ayes 76 Nays 20
Approved May 27, 1999

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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SF 275

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

EXPLANATION

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 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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1 Amend Senate File 275 as follows:
2 1. Page 1, by striking lines 1 through 16 and
3 inserting the following:
4 "Section 1. NEW SECTION. 237C.1 CHILDREN'S
5 CENTERS.
6 1. For the purposes of this section, unless the
7 context requires otherwise, "children's center" means
8 a privately funded facility designed to serve seven or
9 more children at any one time who are not under the
10 custody or authority of the department of human
11 services, juvenile court, or another governmental
12 agency, and that offers one or more of the following
13 services:
14 a. Child day care.
15 b. Child day care for children with a chronic
16 illness.
17 c. Respite care.
18 d. Family support services.
19 e. Medical equipment.
20 f. Therapeutic day programming.
21 g. Educational enrichment.
22 h. Housing.
23 2. The department of human services shall consult
24 with the department of inspections and appeals,
25 department of education, Iowa department of public
26 health, state fire marshal, and community-based
27 providers of services to children in establishing
28 certification or licensing standards for children's
29 centers.
30 3. In establishing the initial and subsequent
31 standards, the department of human services shall
32 review other certification and licensing standards
33 applicable to the centers. The standards established
34 by the department shall be broad facility standards
35 for the protection of children's safety. The
36 department of human services shall not establish
37 program standards or other requirements under this
38 section involving program development or oversight of
39 the programs provided to the children served by
40 children's centers."
41 2. Title page, by striking line 1, and inserting
42 the following: "An Act requiring the".

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MARY E. KRAMER

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AN ACT

REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO ESTABLISH CERTIFICATION OR LICENSING STANDARDS FOR CHILDREN'S CENTERS.

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2. The department of human services shall consult with the department of inspections and appeals, department of education, Iowa department of public health, state fire marshal, and community-based providers of services to children in establishing certification or licensing standards for children's centers.

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safety. The department of human services shall not establish program standards or other requirements under this section involving program development or oversight of the programs provided to the children served by children's centers.

MARY E. KRAMER
President of the Senate

RON J. CORBETT
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 275, Seventy-eighth General Assembly.

MICHAEL E. MARSHALL
Secretary of the Senate

Approved May 27, 1999

THOMAS J. VILSACK
Governor