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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for recognition of high quality child day care
2 providers.

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

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SF 306
HUMAN RESOURCES

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 237A.30 HIGH QUALITY CHILD DAY
2 CARE PROVIDERS.

3 1. The department shall accept nationally recognized
4 accreditations in identifying and listing high quality child
5 day care providers. Any registered family or group home or
6 licensed child day care provider in this state that is
7 accredited in good standing by the national association for
8 the education of young children, the national association of
9 family child care, or the national early childhood program
10 accreditation commission shall be included in the listing.

11 2. Providers included in the listing which remain in good
12 standing with the accrediting body and with state regulation
13 shall be designated as a gold seal quality child day care
14 provider. Any provider included in the listing may publicly
15 utilize the designation as a gold seal quality child day care
16 provider. Child day care resource and referral services shall
17 be encouraged to make use of the providers holding this
18 designation as a resource in quality improvement efforts and
19 to identify these providers in making referrals to the public.

20 3. Holders of the gold seal quality designation shall be
21 recognized annually in April during the week of national
22 recognition of young children. A recognition event shall be
23 hosted during that week by a committee which may include but
24 is not limited to the governor, legislative leaders,
25 department staff and other child care experts, and the
26 chairpersons and ranking members of the legislative committees
27 involved with regulation or funding of child day care.

28 4. Subject to the availability of funding provided for
29 this purpose, holders of the gold seal quality designation may
30 receive a cash award of two hundred fifty dollars for
31 registered family and group day care home providers and five
32 hundred dollars for licensed centers.

33 EXPLANATION

34 This bill provides for recognition of high quality child
35 day care providers by creating a quality designation program

1 in the department of human services.

2 New Code section 237A.30 would be part of the Code chapter
3 providing for regulation of child day care by the department.
4 The department is directed to utilize national accreditation
5 standards to identify high quality registered family and group
6 child day care homes and licensed centers. These providers
7 are to be placed in a listing and, subject to remaining in
8 good standing with the accrediting body and state regulations,
9 are to be designated as gold seal quality child care
10 providers. The gold seal designation may be used publicly by
11 holders of the designation and child day care resource and
12 referral services are to make use of providers with this
13 designation.

14 A public recognition event for the holders of the
15 designation is to be held annually in April. A committee,
16 which may include the governor, legislative leaders, child
17 care experts, and various committee chairs and ranking
18 members, is to host the event.

19 Holders of the designation are also eligible for a cash
20 award, subject to the availability of funding.

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SENATE FILE 306

S-3082

1 Amend Senate File 306 as follows:

2 1. Page 1, by striking lines 8 through 10 and
3 inserting the following: "the education of young
4 children or the national association for family child
5 care shall be included in the listing."

6 2. Page 1, by striking lines 28 and 29 and
7 inserting the following:

8 "4. Subject to the availability of funding, an
9 eligible holder of the gold seal quality designation
10 receiving an initial or renewal national accreditation
11 may receive a one-time cash award in the year of
12 initial or renewal accreditation on or after July 1,
13 1999. Holders of the designation who received funding
14 assistance to obtain the initial or renewal national
15 accreditation under a grant administered by the child
16 development coordinating council or as part of being a
17 federal head start program are not eligible for the
18 cash award. Eligible holders of the designation may".

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S-3058

1 Amend Senate File 306 as follows:

2 1. Page 1, line 5, by striking the word
3 "registered".

4 2. Page 1, line 31, by striking the word
5 "registered".

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