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HUMAN RESOURCES

HOUSE FILE 609
BY CHIODO

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for the department of inspections and appeals to
2 assume responsibility for making inspections of licensed child
3 care centers.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 10A.502, Code 2001, is amended by
2 adding the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 3. Inspections of licensed child care
4 centers pursuant to section 237A.4.

5 Sec. 2. Section 237A.4, Code 2001, is amended to read as
6 follows:

7 237A.4 INSPECTION AND EVALUATION.

8 The department of inspections and appeals shall make
9 periodic inspections of licensed centers to ensure compliance
10 with licensing requirements provided in this chapter, and the
11 local boards of health may make periodic inspections of
12 licensed centers to ensure compliance with health-related
13 licensing requirements provided in this chapter. The
14 administrator and the department of inspections and appeals
15 may inspect records maintained by a licensed center and may
16 inquire into matters concerning ~~these-centers~~ a center and the
17 persons in charge. The administrator shall require that the a
18 center be inspected by the state fire marshal or a designee
19 for compliance with rules relating to fire safety before a
20 license is granted or renewed. The administrator or a
21 designee may periodically visit registered child care homes
22 for the purpose of evaluation of an inquiry into matters
23 concerning compliance with rules adopted under section
24 237A.12. Evaluation of child care homes under this section
25 may include consultative services provided pursuant to section
26 237A.6.

27 EXPLANATION

28 This bill provides for the department of inspections and
29 appeals to assume responsibility for making inspections of
30 licensed child care centers under Code chapter 237A.

31 The bill amends Code section 10A.502 to include child care
32 center inspection responsibilities in the duties listing for
33 the administrator of the division of inspections of the
34 department of inspections and appeals. Under current law the
35 inspections are performed by the department of human services.

1 The bill also authorizes the department of inspections and
2 appeals to inspect center records and to inquire into other
3 matters concerning a center and persons in charge of a center.
4 Under current law, this authority is provided only to a
5 division administrator of the department of human services.

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