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SENATE/HOUSE ~~SPHF 198~~
BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF
HUMAN RIGHTS/STATUS OF
WOMEN DIVISION BILL)

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Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____ Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____
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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 2001, is amended by adding
2 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, 2001, and retrospectively to family
12 investment agreements containing postsecondary education
13 provisions in effect on July 1, 2001, 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, 2001, 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 36-month
34 maximum allowance. Under current requirements, the maximum
35 time period for supported postsecondary education is 24 months

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 8, 2001

TO: Members of the 79th Iowa General Assembly

FROM: Lisa Green, Chair
Charlotte Nelson, Executive Director *cn*
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."

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SENATE FILE 198
BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1021)

Passed Senate, (P.594) Date 3-8-2001 Passed House, (P.1892) Date 5/7/01
Vote: Ayes 46 Nays 1 Vote: Ayes 86 Nays 0
Approved 5.16-01

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2 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 twenty-four months. The
7 twenty-four-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, 2001, and retrospectively to family
12 investment agreements containing postsecondary education
13 provisions in effect on July 1, 2001, 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 twenty-four-month maximum allowance
17 within a period of forty-eight consecutive months as
18 authorized by this Act.

19 EXPLANATION

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

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

28 The bill includes an applicability provision providing for
29 prospective application of the bill and for retrospective
30 application to those agreements containing postsecondary
31 education provisions in effect on July 1, 2001, that were
32 entered into before that date. The department is to amend
33 those agreements that are subject to retrospective
34 applicability as necessary to apply the bill's 48-month
35 maximum period within which the supported postsecondary

1 education must be completed. Under current requirements, the
2 maximum time period for supported postsecondary education is
3 24 months within 36 consecutive months.

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**SENATE FILE 198
FISCAL NOTE**

A fiscal note for **Senate File 198** is hereby submitted pursuant to Joint Rule 17. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to members of the Legislature upon request.

Senate File 198 amends Section 239B.9, Code of Iowa, relating to family investment agreements. For family investment agreements entered into on or after July 1, 1996, the Bill provides the maximum time period allowed for supported postsecondary education is limited to a total of 24 months within a period of 48 consecutive months.

ASSUMPTIONS

1. The average number of families remaining on cash assistance due to extending the time frame to 48 months is 2%.
2. Offsets to the additional cost will result because of a reduction in recidivism rate as participants become better prepared for the job market.

FISCAL IMPACT

Senate File 198 will result in no additional cost.

SOURCE

Department of Human Services

(LSE 1262SV, SJL)

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BY DENNIS PROUTY, FISCAL DIRECTOR

within a period of forty-eight consecutive months as authorized by this Act.

SENATE FILE 198

AN ACT

RELATING TO FAMILY INVESTMENT PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS REGARDING THE TIME PERIOD ALLOWED FOR SUPPORTED POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION ASSISTANCE AND INCLUDING AN APPLICABILITY PROVISION.

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

Section 1. Section 239B.8, Code 2001, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

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

Sec. 2. AGREEMENTS IN EFFECT. This Act applies prospectively to family investment agreements entered into on or after July 1, 2001, and retrospectively to family investment agreements containing postsecondary education provisions in effect on July 1, 2001, that were entered into before that date. The department of human services shall amend those agreements subject to retrospective applicability as necessary to apply the twenty-four-month maximum allowance

MARY E. KRAMER
President of the Senate

BRENT SIEGRIST
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 198, Seventy-ninth General Assembly.

MICHAEL E. MARSHALL
Secretary of the Senate

Approved May 16, 2001

THOMAS J. VILSACK
Governor

