

# House Study Bill 3

HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
JUDICIARY BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON SWAIM)

Passed House, Date \_\_\_\_\_ Passed Senate, Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the payment of costs of reasonable attorney  
2 fees related to certain paternity and adoption proceedings.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
4 TLSB 1076HC 82  
5 pf/sh/8

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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 600B.26 PAYMENT OF ATTORNEY  
1 2 FEES.  
1 3 In a proceeding to determine custody or visitation, or to  
1 4 modify a paternity, custody, or visitation order under this  
1 5 chapter, the court may award the prevailing party reasonable  
1 6 attorney fees.  
1 7 EXPLANATION  
1 8 This bill relates to the awarding and allowance of attorney  
1 9 fees related to proceedings involving establishment of  
1 10 paternity, determination of custody and visitation, and  
1 11 modifications of the orders relating to these proceedings and  
1 12 those expenses related to the adoption subsidy program. The  
1 13 bill provides that in addition to the existing provision which  
1 14 allows for the awarding of the reasonable costs of the suit,  
1 15 including reasonable attorney fees, to the prevailing party in  
1 16 a proceeding to establish paternity, in a proceeding to  
1 17 determine custody or visitation, or to modify a paternity,  
1 18 custody, or visitation order under the chapter relating to  
1 19 paternity and obligation for support, the court may award the  
1 20 prevailing party reasonable attorney fees.  
1 21 LSB 1076HC 82  
1 22 pf:nh/sh/8