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A BILL FOR

1 An Act prohibiting the departments of human services and public
2 health from requiring or urging child care providers to
3 become members of a professional organization representing
4 such providers or urging child care home providers to become
5 registered or licensed.

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

1 Section 1. Section 237A.6, Code 2009, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 237A.6 Consultative services — requirement of professional
4 organization membership and urging registration or licensure
5 prohibited.

6 1. The department shall, and the director of public health
7 may provide consultative services to a person applying for
8 a license or registration, or licensed or registered by the
9 administrator under this chapter.

10 2. The department of human services and the department
11 of public health, or an employee or contractor of either
12 department, shall not formally or informally require or urge a
13 child care provider or the staff of such a provider to become a
14 member of a professional organization representing child care
15 providers.

16 3. If a person is providing child care as a child care home
17 provider, the department of human services and the department
18 of public health, or an employee or contractor of either
19 department, shall not urge the person or the person's staff to
20 become a registered or licensed child care provider.

21 EXPLANATION

22 This bill prohibits the departments of human services and
23 public health from formally or informally requiring or urging
24 child care providers to become members of a professional
25 organization representing such providers. The bill also
26 prohibits the two departments from urging unregistered child
27 care home providers to become registered or licensed. Code
28 section 237A.6, relating to the consultative services provided
29 by the two departments to child care providers, is amended to
30 include the prohibitions.