

Senate File 2048 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for counseling to be available for the
2 children of certain military personnel with federal service
3 active duty mobilization orders.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 225C.52, subsection 2, Code 2009, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *m.* Providing for augmentation of the
4 mental and behavioral health benefits available under the
5 federal government's civilian health care plan for military
6 personnel and dependents so that dependent children covered
7 under such plans who reside in this state are eligible to
8 receive counseling free of charge for the period beginning upon
9 receipt of federal service active duty mobilization orders by
10 the military personnel and ending one year after the date the
11 mobilization was completed.

12 EXPLANATION

13 This bill provides for counseling to be available free of
14 charge for the dependent children of certain military personnel
15 with federal service active duty mobilization orders. The
16 requirement is inserted as one of the desired outcomes for the
17 comprehensive community-based mental health services system
18 for children under Code section 225C.52. The requirement is
19 for augmentation of the mental and behavioral health benefits
20 available under the federal government's civilian health
21 care plan for military personnel and dependents in order for
22 the counseling to be available to the personnel's dependent
23 children residing in this state for a specified period. The
24 specified period begins upon receipt of federal service active
25 duty mobilization orders by the military personnel and ends one
26 year after the date the mobilization was completed.