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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to mandatory infant safe sleep training for
2 personnel of child care facilities and child care homes and
3 including applicability provisions.

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

1 Section 1. Section 234.7, Code Supplement 2011, is amended
2 by adding the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 3. The department of human services shall
4 establish an infant safe sleep education review panel for
5 review and approval of sudden infant death syndrome and infant
6 safe sleep practices training curricula for operators and
7 employees of child care homes and licensed or registered child
8 care facilities.

9 Sec. 2. Section 237A.3, Code 2011, is amended by adding the
10 following new subsection:

11 NEW SUBSECTION. 4. An operator or employee of a child care
12 home shall complete two hours of training relating to sudden
13 infant death syndrome and infant safe sleep practices within
14 six months of initial operation or employment, as applicable.
15 An operator or employee shall complete at least two hours of
16 additional training relating to sudden infant death syndrome
17 and infant safe sleep practices every five years. The operator
18 or employee shall complete the initial or additional training
19 requirements as part of a training program using a curriculum
20 approved by the infant safe sleep education review panel
21 established by the department of human services pursuant to
22 section 234.7, subsection 3.

23 Sec. 3. Section 237A.5, Code 2011, is amended by adding the
24 following new subsection:

25 NEW SUBSECTION. 6. a. An operator or employee of a
26 licensed or registered facility shall complete two hours of
27 training relating to sudden infant death syndrome and infant
28 safe sleep practices within six months of initial operation
29 or employment, as applicable. An operator or employee shall
30 complete at least two hours of additional training relating to
31 sudden infant death syndrome and infant safe sleep practices
32 every five years. The operator or employee shall complete
33 the initial or additional training requirements as part of a
34 training program using a curriculum approved by the infant safe
35 sleep education review panel established by the department of

1 human services pursuant to section 234.7, subsection 3.

2 *b.* The department shall require as a condition of renewal
3 of a facility's licensure or registration that all operators
4 or employees of the licensed or registered facility are in
5 compliance with the training requirements of this subsection.

6 Sec. 4. Section 237A.26, subsection 6, paragraph a, Code
7 Supplement 2011, is amended to read as follows:

8 *a.* Assist families in selecting quality child care. The
9 agency must provide referrals to registered and licensed child
10 care facilities, and to persons providing care, supervision,
11 and guidance of a child which is not defined as child care
12 under section 237A.1 and may provide referrals to unregistered
13 providers whose operators and employees have completed the
14 training required by section 237A.3, subsection 4.

15 Sec. 5. APPLICABILITY. A person who is an operator or
16 employee of a child care home or child care facility on the
17 effective date of this Act shall complete the initial two hours
18 of training required by this Act by July 1, 2013.

19 EXPLANATION

20 This bill relates to mandatory training regarding sudden
21 infant death syndrome (SIDS) and infant safe sleep for
22 operators and employees of child care homes and child care
23 facilities. The bill requires operators of and employees
24 at child care homes and child care facilities to complete
25 two hours of training relating to SIDS and infant safe sleep
26 practices within six months of initial employment. Operators
27 and employees must also complete at least two hours of
28 additional training every five years. The bill states that the
29 department of human services shall condition the renewal of a
30 facility's license or registration on the facility's operators'
31 and employees' compliance with the training requirements.
32 The bill also provides that an agency which receives a child
33 care resource and referral grant may provide referrals to an
34 unregistered provider only if the operators and employees of
35 the provider have completed the required SIDS and infant safe

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1 sleep practices training. The bill provides that current
2 operators and employees of child care homes and facilities must
3 complete two hours of SIDS and infant safe sleep practices
4 training by July 1, 2013.