

Senate File 249 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the use of the term relative in child
2 in need of assistance and termination of parental rights
3 proceedings.

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

1 Section 1. Section 232.2, Code 2013, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 46A. *“Relative”* for purposes of divisions
4 III and IV of this chapter includes the parent of a sibling.

5 Sec. 2. Section 232.84, subsection 2, Code 2013, is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 2. Within thirty days after the entry of an order under
8 this chapter transferring custody of a child to an agency
9 for placement, the agency shall exercise due diligence in
10 identifying and providing notice to the child’s grandparents,
11 aunts, uncles, adult siblings, parents of the child’s siblings,
12 and adult relatives suggested by the child’s parents, subject
13 to exceptions due to the presence of family or domestic
14 violence.

15 EXPLANATION

16 This bill relates to the use of the term “relative” in
17 child in need of assistance and termination of parental rights
18 proceedings. The bill states that “relative” for purposes
19 of child in need of assistance and termination of parental
20 rights proceedings includes the parent of a child’s sibling.
21 The bill also requires the department of human services to
22 provide notice to parents of a child’s siblings within 30 days
23 of an order in a child in need of assistance proceeding that
24 transfers custody of the child to the department of human
25 services, juvenile court services, or a private agency for
26 placement.