

**Senate File 170 - Introduced**

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(COMPANION TO HF 51 BY  
WINCKLER)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the income eligibility requirements for  
2 state child care assistance.

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

1 Section 1. Section 237A.13, subsection 7, paragraph c, Code  
2 2017, is amended to read as follows:

3 c. Families with an income of more than one hundred  
4 percent but not more than ~~one~~ two hundred ~~forty-five~~ percent  
5 of the federal poverty level whose members, for at least  
6 twenty-eight hours per week in the aggregate, are employed  
7 or are participating at a satisfactory level in an approved  
8 training program or educational program.

9 Sec. 2. DIRECTIVE TO DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES ON CHILD  
10 CARE ASSISTANCE. Effective January 1, 2018, the department of  
11 human services shall amend its administrative rules pursuant to  
12 chapter 17A to provide income eligibility for state child care  
13 assistance, according to family size for children needing basic  
14 care, to families whose nonexempt gross monthly income does not  
15 exceed 200 percent of the federal poverty level.

16 EXPLANATION

17 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
18 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

19 This bill relates to the income eligibility requirements for  
20 the receipt of child care assistance.

21 Under current law, Code section 237A.13 authorizes the  
22 department of human services to establish income eligibility  
23 requirements for recipients of state child care assistance.  
24 The bill directs the department of human services to amend  
25 its administrative rules establishing income requirements for  
26 children needing basic care to provide income eligibility  
27 according to family size at 200 percent of the federal poverty  
28 level. The bill correspondingly amends the poverty level  
29 from 145 percent to 200 percent in Code section 237A.13(7)(c)  
30 regarding the establishment and prioritization of a waiting  
31 list for child care assistance.