

House File 2203 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a graduated eligibility phase-out program
2 for state child care assistance.

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

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 237A.14 Child care assistance —
2 graduated eligibility phase-out.

3 1. At the time of a twelve-month eligibility
4 redetermination for a family receiving state child care
5 assistance, the family shall remain eligible to receive
6 child care assistance, subject to the graduated eligibility
7 phase-out program as specified in subsection 2, if either of
8 the following conditions are met:

9 a. The family's nonexempt gross monthly income is determined
10 to be at least one hundred eighty-five percent but less than
11 two hundred twenty-five percent of the federal poverty level
12 applicable to the family size for children needing basic care.

13 b. The family's nonexempt gross monthly income is determined
14 to be at least two hundred percent but less than two hundred
15 fifty percent of the federal poverty level applicable to the
16 family size for children needing special needs care.

17 2. a. A family with an income at two hundred twenty-five
18 percent of the federal poverty level applicable to the
19 family size for children needing basic care or at two hundred
20 fifty percent of the federal poverty level applicable to the
21 family size for children needing special needs care shall
22 be responsible for payment of fifty percent of the cost of
23 all children in the family participating in the child care
24 assistance program.

25 b. A family with an income of at least one hundred
26 eighty-five percent but less than two hundred twenty-five
27 percent of the federal poverty level applicable to the family
28 size for children needing basic care or at least two hundred
29 percent but less than two hundred fifty percent of the federal
30 poverty level applicable to the family size for children
31 needing special needs care shall contribute to the costs of
32 child care in accordance with a sliding fee schedule to be
33 established by the department.

34 3. Child care provider reimbursement rates under the
35 graduated eligibility phase-out program shall be the same rates

1 as the child care provider reimbursement rates in effect on
2 July 1, 2020.

3 4. The department of human services shall adopt rules
4 pursuant to chapter 17A in accordance with this section.

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EXPLANATION

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

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8 This bill establishes a graduated eligibility phase-out
9 program for state child care assistance.

10 The bill provides that at the time of a 12-month eligibility
11 redetermination for a family receiving state child care
12 assistance, the family shall remain eligible for child care
13 assistance, subject to the graduated eligibility phase-out
14 program, if either the family's nonexempt gross monthly
15 income is at least 185 percent but less than 225 percent of
16 the federal poverty level applicable to the family size for
17 children needing basic care or the family's nonexempt gross
18 monthly income is at least 200 percent but less than 250
19 percent of the federal poverty level applicable to the family
20 size for children needing special needs care.

21 The bill provides that a family with an income at 225
22 percent of the federal poverty level applicable to the family
23 size for children needing basic care or at 250 percent of
24 the federal poverty level applicable to the family size for
25 children needing special needs care shall be responsible for
26 payment of 50 percent of the cost of all children in the
27 family participating in the child care assistance program. A
28 family with an income of at least 185 percent but less than
29 225 percent of the federal poverty level applicable to the
30 family size for children needing basic care or at least 200
31 percent but less than 250 percent of the federal poverty level
32 applicable to the family size for children needing special
33 needs care shall contribute to the costs of child care in
34 accordance with a sliding fee schedule to be established by the
35 department.

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1 The bill provides that child care provider reimbursement
2 rates under the graduated eligibility phase-out program
3 shall be the same rates as the child care assistance provider
4 reimbursement rates in effect on July 1, 2020.

5 The department of human services is directed to adopt rules
6 in accordance with the provisions of the bill.