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**A BILL FOR**

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

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

1 Section 1. DIRECTIVE TO DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES —  
2 CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE — FAMILY INCOME ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT.

3 1. The department of human services shall amend its  
4 administrative rules pursuant to chapter 17A to provide income  
5 eligibility for state child care assistance, according to  
6 family size for children needing basic care, to families whose  
7 nonexempt gross monthly income does not exceed one hundred  
8 fifty percent of the federal poverty level, effective January  
9 1, 2020, and shall provide for an incremental increase in this  
10 income eligibility requirement by five percent every six months  
11 thereafter through January 1, 2025.

12 2. The rules adopted pursuant to this section shall take  
13 effect January 1, 2020.

14 EXPLANATION

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

17 This bill relates to income eligibility requirements for  
18 eligible families for state child care assistance.

19 The state child care assistance program is administered by  
20 the department of human services (DHS). The bill directs DHS  
21 to amend its administrative rules to provide income eligibility  
22 for state child care assistance, according to family size for  
23 children needing basic care, to families whose nonexempt gross  
24 monthly income does not exceed 150 percent of the federal  
25 poverty level, effective January 1, 2020. The bill also  
26 directs DHS to increase this income eligibility requirement by  
27 5 percent every six months thereafer, increasing the family  
28 income eligibility requirement to not more than 200 percent of  
29 the federal poverty level by January 1, 2025.