

**House File 352 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the reimbursement of child care providers  
2 from the child care assistance program.

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

1 Section 1. Section 237A.13, subsection 4, Code 2021, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 4. The department's billing and payment provisions for  
4 the program shall allow providers to elect either biweekly or  
5 monthly billing and payment for child care provided under the  
6 program. The department shall pay providers based on full-day  
7 rates for each day the provider cared for a child enrolled in  
8 the program, regardless of whether the child remained in the  
9 provider's care for the full day. The department shall remit  
10 payment to a provider within ten business days of receiving  
11 a bill or claim for services provided. However, if the  
12 department determines that a bill has an error or omission, the  
13 department shall notify the provider of the error or omission  
14 and identify any correction needed before issuance of payment  
15 to the provider. The department shall provide the notice  
16 within five business days of receiving the billing from the  
17 provider and shall remit payment to the provider within ten  
18 business days of receiving the corrected billing.

19 EXPLANATION

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

22 This bill relates to the reimbursement of child care  
23 providers from the child care assistance program.

24 The bill provides that the department of human services  
25 shall pay child care providers based on full-day rates for  
26 each day the provider cared for a child enrolled in the state  
27 child care assistance program, regardless of whether the child  
28 remained in the provider's care for the full day. Under  
29 current law, the department of human services is allowed to pay  
30 less than full-day rates if a child care provider cared for a  
31 child for less than a full day.