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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the office of the long-term care ombudsman,
2 and making an appropriation.

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

1 Section 1. OFFICE OF LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN —
2 APPROPRIATION.

3 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
4 state to the office of long-term care ombudsman for the fiscal
5 year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022, in
6 addition to any other funds appropriated from the general
7 fund of the state to, and in addition to any other full-time
8 equivalent positions authorized for, the office of long-term
9 care ombudsman, the following amount, or so much thereof as is
10 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

11 To increase the number of local long-term care ombudsmen
12 including for salaries, support, administration, maintenance,
13 and miscellaneous purposes:

14 \$ 300,000

15 2. The funding appropriated in this section is in addition
16 to any other funds appropriated from the general fund of the
17 state and any other full-time equivalent positions authorized
18 for local long-term care ombudsmen during the same fiscal
19 year. The funding shall be used to support local long-term
20 care ombudsmen in fulfilling their duties pursuant to section
21 231.42 including to provide the resources necessary to complete
22 site visits and to carry out other duties utilizing the most
23 efficient means available considering any existing public
24 health concerns to protect and improve the health, safety,
25 welfare, and rights of residents and tenants.

26 EXPLANATION

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

29 This bill appropriates funds from the general fund of the
30 state to the office of long-term care ombudsman for fiscal
31 year 2021-2022 to the office of long-term care ombudsman to be
32 used to increase the number of local long-term care ombudsmen.
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34 appropriated from the general fund of the state and any other
35 full-time equivalent positions authorized for local long-term

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