

**House File 613 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the state child care assistance eligibility  
2 requirements, and making an appropriation.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES. There is  
2 appropriated from the taxpayer relief fund created in section  
3 8.57E to the department of human services for the fiscal year  
4 beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022, an amount  
5 sufficient to pay for the difference in raising the child care  
6 assistance program monthly income eligibility from one hundred  
7 forty-five percent of the federal poverty level to two hundred  
8 percent of the federal poverty level.

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

17 EXPLANATION

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

20 This bill relates to the state child care assistance  
21 eligibility requirements, and provides for an appropriation.

22 The bill appropriates from the taxpayer relief fund to the  
23 department of human services for fiscal year 2021-2022 an  
24 amount sufficient to pay for the difference in raising the  
25 child care assistance program monthly income eligibility from  
26 145 percent of the federal poverty level to 200 percent of the  
27 federal poverty level.

28 The bill directs the department of human services to amend  
29 its administrative rules to raise the maximum monthly income  
30 for eligibility in the child care assistance program from 145  
31 percent to 200 percent of the federal poverty level.