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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 ombudsmen in  
20 fulfilling their duties pursuant to section 231.42 including  
21 to provide the resources necessary to complete site visits and  
22 to carry out other duties to protect and improve the health,  
23 safety, welfare, and rights of residents and tenants.

24 EXPLANATION

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

27 This bill appropriates funds from the general fund of the  
28 state to the office of long-term care ombudsman for fiscal year  
29 2021-2022 to the office of long-term care ombudsman to be  
30 used to increase the number of local long-term care ombudsmen.  
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32 appropriated from the general fund of the state and any other  
33 full-time equivalent positions authorized for local long-term  
34 care ombudsmen during the same fiscal year. The funding shall  
35 be used to support local ombudsmen in fulfilling their required

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3 improve the health, safety, welfare, and rights of residents  
4 and tenants.