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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to emergency child care assistance for  
2 individuals whose children are unable to participate in  
3 regulated child care in specific circumstances.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES —  
2 EMERGENCY CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE.

3 1. The department of health and human services shall  
4 establish a process and criteria by which an individual who  
5 does not qualify for the state child care assistance program  
6 established in section 237A.13 may be reimbursed by the  
7 department for the number of hours of paid employment the  
8 individual missed to provide care to the individual's child who  
9 had a temporary health condition that prevented the child from  
10 attending the child care facility or child care home the child  
11 normally attends.

12 2. An individual shall only be eligible for reimbursement if  
13 the child care facility or child care home the child normally  
14 attends is licensed or registered with the department pursuant  
15 to chapter 237A.

16 3. For purposes of this section, "child", "child care  
17 facility", and "child care home" mean the same as defined in  
18 chapter 237A.

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 requires the department of health and human  
23 services (HHS) to establish a process and criteria by which  
24 an individual who does not qualify for the state child care  
25 assistance program may be reimbursed by HHS for the number of  
26 hours of paid employment the individual missed to provide care  
27 to the individual's child who had a temporary health condition  
28 that prevented the child from attending the child care facility  
29 (facility) or child care home (home) that the child normally  
30 attends.

31 The bill requires the facility or home a child normally  
32 attends to be licensed or registered with HHS pursuant to  
33 Code chapter 237A (child care facilities) in order for the  
34 individual to be eligible for reimbursement.

35 The terms "child", "child care facility", and "child care

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1 home" mean the same as defined in Code chapter 237A.