

**House Study Bill 729 - Introduced**

HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
APPROPRIATIONS BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON MOHR)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to state child care assistance program  
2 reimbursement rates and eligibility for the children of  
3 certain child care providers.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES —  
2 REIMBURSEMENT RATES AND ELIGIBILITY — STATE CHILD CARE  
3 ASSISTANCE.

4 1. The department of health and human services shall amend  
5 its administrative rules pursuant to chapter 17A to set the  
6 half-day reimbursement rates paid to child care providers  
7 reimbursed under the state child care assistance program to  
8 at least the sixty-fifth percentile, but no more than the  
9 eightieth percentile, of the 2024 market rate survey conducted  
10 by the department to analyze and evaluate the market rate of  
11 child care services throughout the state.

12 2. a. The department of health and human services shall  
13 extend the child care workforce one-year pilot program for  
14 the state child care assistance program, implemented by the  
15 department of health and human services beginning July 5, 2023,  
16 until July 4, 2025.

17 b. The department of health and human services shall publish  
18 data relating to children and families who receive state child  
19 care assistance under paragraph "a" through utilization of  
20 modernized, interactive displays found on the department's  
21 internet site.

22 EXPLANATION

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

25 This bill relates to state child care assistance program  
26 (CCA) reimbursement rates and eligibility for the children of  
27 certain child care providers.

28 The bill requires the department of health and human  
29 services (HHS) to set half-day reimbursement rates for child  
30 care providers participating in the CCA program to at least  
31 the 65th percentile, but not more than the 80th percentile, of  
32 the 2024 market rate survey conducted by HHS to analyze and  
33 evaluate the market rate of child care services throughout the  
34 state.

35 On July 5, 2023, HHS initiated a one-year pilot program that

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1 allows children of certain full-time child care providers to  
2 qualify for CCA. The bill directs HHS to extend the pilot  
3 program until July 4, 2025, and requires HHS to publish data  
4 relating to children and families who receive CCA through the  
5 pilot program through utilization of modernized, interactive  
6 displays found on the department's internet site.