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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to state child care assistance payments to child
2 care providers for days a child receiving foster care is
3 absent from scheduled child care.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES — STATE
2 CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE REIMBURSEMENTS FOR CHILDREN RECEIVING CHILD
3 FOSTER CARE.

4 1. For purposes of this section:

5 a. "Child care facility" means the same as defined in section
6 237A.1.

7 b. "Child care provider" means a person that provides child
8 care as that term is defined in section 237A.1, and that is
9 eligible to receive payments from the state child care assistance
10 program established in section 237A.13.

11 c. "Foster child" means a child receiving child foster care
12 as that term is defined in section 237.1.

13 2. The department of health and human services shall amend
14 the department's rules pursuant to chapter 17A to provide payment
15 to a child care provider for a foster child not in attendance
16 at the child care facility operated by the child care provider
17 in an amount not to exceed sixteen half days per consecutive
18 twelve-month period, provided that the foster child is regularly
19 scheduled to receive child care during those sixteen half
20 days, and the child care provider also charges individuals not
21 participating in the state child care assistance program for days
22 an individual's child is absent.

23 EXPLANATION

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

26 The state child care assistance (CCA) program assists
27 lower-income families who meet certain requirements by
28 reimbursing child care providers (providers) for child care
29 provided to the children of the lower-income families.

30 This bill defines "child care facility" as a child care
31 center, a preschool, or a registered child development home.

32 The bill defines "child care provider" as a person
33 that provides child care and that is eligible to receive
34 reimbursements from the CCA program.

35 The bill defines "foster child" as a child receiving child

1 foster care.

2 The bill requires the department of health and human services
3 to amend its rules to provide payment to a provider for a foster
4 child not in attendance at the child care facility operated
5 by the provider in an amount not to exceed 16 half days per
6 consecutive 12-month period, provided that the foster child is
7 regularly scheduled to receive child care during those half
8 days, and the child care provider also charges individuals not
9 participating in the CCA program for days an individual's child
10 is absent.

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