

House File 2514 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN
SERVICES

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 500)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act making children of child care workers in this state
2 eligible for the state child care assistance program.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **237A.13A State child care**
2 **assistance — child care workforce.**

3 1. Notwithstanding any provision of section 237A.13 or
4 237A.14 to the contrary, a child shall be eligible for the state
5 child care assistance program established in section 237A.13 if
6 a parent, guardian, or custodian of the child meets all of the
7 following requirements, as applicable:

8 a. The parent, guardian, or custodian is employed at a child
9 care facility or child care home located in this state, and the
10 child care facility or child care home has an agreement with
11 the department to accept reimbursement from the state child care
12 assistance program.

13 b. The parent, guardian, or custodian works in a child care
14 facility or child care home located in this state an average
15 minimum of thirty-two hours per week during the month in a
16 position with a primary duty of providing child care directly to
17 children, and is regularly counted in the minimum child-to-staff
18 ratio established by the department by rule.

19 c. (1) If the parent, guardian, or custodian is employed
20 at a child care home or a child development home, the parent,
21 guardian, or custodian does not provide child care to the
22 parent's, guardian's, or custodian's own child.

23 (2) Notwithstanding subparagraph (1), a co-provider at a
24 child development home may qualify for state child care
25 assistance if the co-provider meets all requirements specified in
26 this section and by the department by rule.

27 d. The parent, guardian, or custodian is not a substitute or
28 an assistant at a child care home or a child development home.

29 e. Based on the department's evaluation of the parent's,
30 guardian's, or custodian's application for state child care
31 assistance, the department has determined the parent, guardian,
32 or custodian has a need for child care.

33 f. The parent, guardian, or custodian is not the owner of
34 the child care facility or child care home where the parent's,
35 guardian's, or custodian's child is enrolled.

1 2. A director, co-director, or other administrative staff
2 member of a child care facility may qualify for state child care
3 assistance under subsection 1 if such individual is regularly
4 counted in the minimum child-to-staff ratio established by the
5 department by rule.

6 3. A parent, guardian, or custodian of a child participating
7 in the state child care assistance program pursuant to
8 eligibility established under this section shall make copayments
9 as specified by the department by rule.

10 4. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A
11 to administer this section.

12 EXPLANATION

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

15 This bill provides that a child is eligible for the state
16 child care assistance (CCA) program under Code section 237A.13
17 (state child care assistance) or 237A.14 (child care assistance
18 — graduated eligibility phase-out) if a parent, guardian, or
19 custodian of the child is employed at a child care facility
20 or child care home in this state that has an agreement with
21 the department of health and human services (HHS) to accept
22 reimbursement from the CCA program; works an average minimum of
23 32 hours per week in a position with a primary duty of providing
24 child care directly to children in this state; and meets several
25 other requirements specified in the bill. A parent, guardian, or
26 custodian of a child participating in the CCA program under the
27 bill shall make copayments as specified by HHS by rule.

28 The bill requires HHS to adopt rules to administer the bill.