

House File 2526 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN
SERVICES

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2036)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the confidentiality of the residential
2 addresses of foster parents.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **237D.1 Foster parent addresses —**
2 **confidentiality.**

3 1. For purposes of this chapter:

4 a. "Address" means the residential address of a person.

5 b. "Child foster care" means the same as defined in section
6 237.1.

7 c. "Department" means the department of health and human
8 services.

9 d. "Foster child" means a child receiving child foster care.

10 e. "Foster parent" means an individual licensee as defined in
11 section 237.1.

12 2. The department and the department's agents shall not
13 knowingly provide or make available a document to a biological
14 parent of a foster child if the document contains the unredacted
15 address of the foster parent who is currently providing child
16 foster care to the foster child.

17 3. Notwithstanding subsection 2, a document may contain a
18 foster parent's unredacted address if the foster parent provides
19 written consent to divulge the address to a foster child's
20 biological parent prior to the department or the department's
21 agent providing the document or making the document available to
22 the biological parent.

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 This bill relates to the confidentiality of the residential
27 addresses of foster parents.

28 The bill defines "address", "child foster care", "foster
29 child", and "foster parent".

30 The bill prohibits the department of health and human services
31 (HHS) and HHS's agents from knowingly providing or making
32 available a document to a biological parent of a foster child if
33 the document contains the unredacted address of the foster parent
34 who is currently providing child foster care to the foster child.

35 The bill allows HHS and HHS's agents to provide or make

1 available a document with a foster parent's unredacted address to
2 a biological parent of a foster child in the foster parent's care
3 if the foster parent provides prior written consent to divulge
4 the address.

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