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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act modifying provisions related to the enrollment of eligible  
2 children in the statewide preschool program.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 256C.3, subsection 3, Code 2025, is  
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. i. Provision for ensuring that if there is  
4 a waiting list for eligible children to enroll in the local  
5 program, that the local program gives priority on the waiting  
6 list to eligible children who meet the definitional requirements  
7 of the term "homeless individual" under 42 U.S.C. §11302(a) and  
8 (c), consistent with the requirements established under paragraph  
9 "a".

10 EXPLANATION

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

13 This bill modifies provisions related to the enrollment of  
14 eligible children in the statewide preschool program. Current  
15 law requires the state board of education to adopt rules to  
16 define certain specified requirements that are used to determine  
17 whether a local preschool program provided by a school district  
18 will be considered an approved local program under the statewide  
19 preschool program established under Code chapter 256C, including  
20 requirements related to maximum and minimum teacher-to-child  
21 ratios, student learning standards, and provisions for the  
22 integration of children from other state and federally funded  
23 preschool programs. The bill adds to the list of requirements  
24 the requirement that the local program provide for ensuring that  
25 if there is a waiting list for eligible children to enroll in  
26 the local program, that the local program gives priority on  
27 the waiting list to eligible children who meet the definitional  
28 requirements of the term "homeless individual" under federal law.