

House File 344 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to state child care assistance reimbursement
2 rates.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 237A.13, subsection 6, Code 2025, is
2 amended by striking the subsection and inserting in lieu thereof
3 the following:

4 6. The department shall reimburse a child care provider who
5 provides child care to a child participating in the state child
6 care assistance program at the rate the provider would typically
7 charge a private-pay family for child care.

8 EXPLANATION

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

11 This bill replaces the ability for child care providers to
12 collect additional fees from families participating in the state
13 child care assistance program (CCA) if the child care provider's
14 private-pay rate is more than the state's CCA reimbursement
15 rate with the requirement that the department of health and
16 human services reimburse a child care provider at the rate the
17 child care provider would typically charge a private-pay family
18 for child care. Under current law, child care providers are
19 reimbursed under the CCA at a rate equal to the lesser of the
20 child care provider's private-pay rate or a rate set by the state
21 varying on the type of child care provider, the age of the child,
22 and the child care provider's rating under the quality rating
23 system.