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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to state child care assistance program
- 2 reimbursements to certain child care providers.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES —
2 UNHOUSED CHILD CARE REIMBURSEMENT RATES. The department of
3 health and human services shall amend the department's rules to
4 set the reimbursement rate under the state child care assistance
5 program for providing child care to an unhoued child equal
6 to the reimbursement rate for providing child care to a child
7 needing special-needs care. For purposes of this section,
8 "unhoused" means lacking a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime
9 residence including but not limited to all of the following:
10 1. A person living in the housing of other persons due to the
11 person's loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason.
12 2. A person living in a motel, hotel, or campground due to
13 the lack of a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.
14 3. A person living in an emergency or transitional shelter.
15 4. A person abandoned in a hospital.
16 5. A person living in a place not designed for, or ordinarily
17 used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.
18 6. A person living in a car, park, public space, abandoned
19 building, substandard housing, bus or train station, or similar
20 setting.

21 EXPLANATION

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

24 This bill relates to state child care assistance program (CCA)
25 reimbursements to certain child care providers.

26 The bill directs HHS to set the CCA reimbursement rates for
27 providing child care to an unhoued child equal to the CCA
28 reimbursement rate for providing child care to a child needing
29 special-needs care. The bill defines "unhoused" as lacking a
30 fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. The bill lists
31 circumstances in which a person qualifies as unhoused.