

House Study Bill 40 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
JUDICIARY BILL BY CHAIRPERSON
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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to family interactions during an ongoing child in
2 need of assistance proceeding.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

unofficial

1 Section 1. Section 232.102A, subsection 2, Code 2025, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. Family interactions shall continue regardless of a
4 parent's failure to comply with the requirements of a court order
5 or the department, ~~provided there is no finding by a court or~~
6 ~~the department that such interaction would be detrimental to~~
7 the child unless a court finds that substantial evidence exists
8 that the family interactions, whether supervised or unsupervised,
9 would cause an imminent risk to the child's life or health.

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EXPLANATION

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The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with

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the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

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This bill relates to family interactions (interactions) during
14 an ongoing child in need of assistance (CINA) proceeding.

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Under current law, interactions during an ongoing CINA
16 proceeding must continue unless a court or the department of
17 health and human services finds that the interactions would
18 be detrimental to a child. The bill requires interactions to
19 continue unless a court finds substantial evidence exists that
20 the interactions, whether supervised or unsupervised, would cause
21 an imminent risk to the child's life or health.