

House Study Bill 500 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON HARRIS)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act making children of child care workers eligible for the
- 2 state child care assistance program.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **237A.13A State child care**
2 **assistance — child care workforce.**

3 1. Notwithstanding any provision of section 237A.13 or
4 237A.14 to the contrary, a child shall be eligible for the state
5 child care assistance program established in section 237A.13 if
6 a parent, guardian, or custodian of the child meets all of the
7 following requirements, as applicable:

8 a. The parent, guardian, or custodian is employed at a child
9 care facility or child care home that has an agreement with
10 the department to accept reimbursement from the state child care
11 assistance program.

12 b. The parent, guardian, or custodian works in a child care
13 facility or child care home an average minimum of thirty-two
14 hours per week during the month in a position with a primary duty
15 of providing child care directly to children, and is regularly
16 counted in the minimum child-to-staff ratio established by the
17 department by rule.

18 c. (1) If the parent, guardian, or custodian is employed
19 at a child care home or a child development home, the parent,
20 guardian, or custodian does not provide child care to the
21 parent's, guardian's, or custodian's own child.

22 (2) Notwithstanding subparagraph (1), a co-provider at a
23 child development home may qualify for state child care
24 assistance if the co-provider meets all requirements specified in
25 this section and by the department by rule.

26 d. The parent, guardian, or custodian is not a substitute or
27 an assistant at a child care home or a child development home.

28 e. Based on the department's evaluation of the parent's,
29 guardian's, or custodian's application for state child care
30 assistance, the department has determined the parent, guardian,
31 or custodian has a need for child care.

32 f. The parent, guardian, or custodian is not the owner of
33 the child care facility or child care home where the parent's,
34 guardian's, or custodian's child is enrolled.

35 2. A director, co-director, or other administrative staff

1 member of a child care facility may qualify for state child care
2 assistance under subsection 1 if such individual is regularly
3 counted in the minimum child-to-staff ratio established by the
4 department by rule.

5 3. A parent, guardian, or custodian of a child participating
6 in the state child care assistance program pursuant to
7 eligibility established under this section shall make copayments
8 as specified by the department by rule.

9 4. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A
10 to administer this section.

11 EXPLANATION

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

14 This bill provides that a child is eligible for the state
15 child care assistance (CCA) program under Code section 237A.13
16 (state child care assistance) or 237A.14 (child care assistance
17 — graduated eligibility phase-out) if a parent, guardian, or
18 custodian of the child is employed at a child care facility or
19 child care home that has an agreement with the department of
20 health and human services (HHS) to accept reimbursement from the
21 CCA program; works an average minimum of 32 hours per week in a
22 position with a primary duty of providing child care directly to
23 children; and meets several other requirements specified in the
24 bill. A parent, guardian, or custodian of a child participating
25 in the CCA program under the bill shall make copayments as
26 specified by HHS by rule.

27 The bill requires HHS to adopt rules to administer the bill.