

**House File 2514 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND  
HUMAN SERVICES

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 500)

**A BILL FOR**

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

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  
5 state child care assistance program established in section  
6 237A.13 if a parent, guardian, or custodian of the child meets  
7 all of the following requirements, as applicable:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12 EXPLANATION

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

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

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