

House File 2526 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2036)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the confidentiality of the residential
2 addresses of foster parents.

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

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 237D.1 Foster parent addresses —
2 confidentiality.

3 1. For purposes of this chapter:

4 a. "Address" means the residential address of a person.

5 b. "Child foster care" means the same as defined in section
6 237.1.

7 c. "Department" means the department of health and human
8 services.

9 d. "Foster child" means a child receiving child foster care.

10 e. "Foster parent" means an individual licensee as defined
11 in section 237.1.

12 2. The department and the department's agents shall
13 not knowingly provide or make available a document to a
14 biological parent of a foster child if the document contains
15 the unredacted address of the foster parent who is currently
16 providing child foster care to the foster child.

17 3. Notwithstanding subsection 2, a document may contain
18 a foster parent's unredacted address if the foster parent
19 provides written consent to divulge the address to a foster
20 child's biological parent prior to the department or the
21 department's agent providing the document or making the
22 document available to the biological parent.

23 EXPLANATION

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

26 This bill relates to the confidentiality of the residential
27 addresses of foster parents.

28 The bill defines "address", "child foster care", "foster
29 child", and "foster parent".

30 The bill prohibits the department of health and human
31 services (HHS) and HHS's agents from knowingly providing or
32 making available a document to a biological parent of a foster
33 child if the document contains the unredacted address of the
34 foster parent who is currently providing child foster care to
35 the foster child.

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1 The bill allows HHS and HHS's agents to provide or make
2 available a document with a foster parent's unredacted address
3 to a biological parent of a foster child in the foster parent's
4 care if the foster parent provides prior written consent to
5 divulge the address.