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BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2203)

(As Amended and Passed by the House March 9, 2020)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a graduated eligibility phase-out program
2 for state child care assistance.

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

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 237A.14 Child care assistance —
2 graduated eligibility phase-out.

3 1. At the time of a twelve-month eligibility
4 redetermination for a family receiving state child care
5 assistance, the family shall remain eligible to receive
6 child care assistance, subject to the graduated eligibility
7 phase-out program as specified in subsection 2, if either of
8 the following conditions are met:

9 a. The family's nonexempt gross monthly income is determined
10 to be at least two hundred twenty-five percent but less
11 than two hundred fifty percent of the federal poverty level
12 applicable to the family size for children needing basic care.

13 b. The family's nonexempt gross monthly income is determined
14 to be at least two hundred twenty-five percent but less than
15 two hundred seventy-five percent of the federal poverty level
16 applicable to the family size for children needing special
17 needs care.

18 2. a. A family with an income at the following percentages
19 of the federal poverty level applicable to the family size
20 for children needing basic care shall be responsible for the
21 following share of child care costs:

22 (1) A family with an income above two hundred twenty-five
23 percent of the federal poverty level but lower than two hundred
24 thirty-five percent of the federal poverty level shall pay for
25 thirty-three percent of the family child care costs.

26 (2) A family with an income at or above two hundred
27 thirty-five percent of the federal poverty level but lower
28 than two hundred forty-five percent of the federal poverty
29 level shall pay for forty-five percent of the family child care
30 costs.

31 (3) A family with an income at or above two hundred
32 forty-five percent of the federal poverty level but lower than
33 or at two hundred fifty percent of the federal poverty level
34 shall pay for sixty percent of the family child care costs.

35 b. A family with an income at the following percentages of

1 the federal poverty level applicable to the family size for
2 children needing special needs care shall be responsible for
3 the following share of child care costs:

4 (1) A family with an income above two hundred twenty-five
5 percent of the federal poverty level but lower than two hundred
6 forty-five percent of the federal poverty level shall pay for
7 thirty-three percent of the family child care costs.

8 (2) A family with an income at or above two hundred
9 forty-five percent of the federal poverty level but lower than
10 two hundred sixty-five percent of the federal poverty level
11 shall pay for forty-five percent of the family child care
12 costs.

13 (3) A family with an income at or above two hundred
14 sixty-five percent of the federal poverty level but lower than
15 or at two hundred seventy-five percent of the federal poverty
16 level shall pay for sixty percent of the family child care
17 costs.

18 c. The graduated eligibility phase-out as provided in
19 paragraphs "a" and "b" shall be implemented no later than July
20 1, 2021.

21 3. Child care provider reimbursement rates under the
22 graduated eligibility phase-out program shall be the same rates
23 as the child care provider reimbursement rates in effect on
24 July 1, 2020.

25 4. The department of human services shall adopt rules
26 pursuant to chapter 17A in accordance with this section.