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**A BILL FOR**

- 1 An Act providing for implementation of a child care at night
- 2 pilot project and making an appropriation.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 Section 1. CHILD CARE AT NIGHT PILOT PROJECT. There is  
2 appropriated from the general fund of the state to the  
3 department of human services for the fiscal year beginning  
4 July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007, the following amount,  
5 or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purpose  
6 designated:

7 For implementation of a child care at night pilot project  
8 in accordance with this section:

9 ..... \$ 300,000

10 1. The department shall utilize the state child care  
11 advisory council created in section 237A.21 to develop and  
12 review grant applications made by licensed child care centers,  
13 identify request for proposals requirements, make  
14 recommendations regarding selection of grantees, and perform  
15 other functions relating to the child care at night pilot  
16 project.

17 2. The pilot project shall subsidize the cost of child  
18 care provided in a child care center licensed under chapter  
19 237A to children whose parents are working during the hours of  
20 5 p.m. to 8 a.m. by paying a provider reimbursement supplement  
21 of \$3 per hour per child for up to 2,000 hours per child per  
22 year. The pilot project shall be implemented in three pilot  
23 project locations. The pilot project is subject to all of the  
24 following requirements:

25 a. One project shall be located in a large city and shall  
26 provide support for up to 20 children on a regular basis. The  
27 total amount of the provider reimbursement supplement payable  
28 for this location in a fiscal year shall be limited to  
29 \$120,000.

30 b. One project shall be located in a small city and shall  
31 provide support for up to 10 children on a regular basis. The  
32 total amount of the provider reimbursement supplement payable  
33 for this location in a fiscal year shall be limited to  
34 \$60,000.

35 c. One project shall be located in a rural area and shall

1 provide support for up to 10 children on a regular basis. The  
2 total amount of the provider reimbursement supplement payable  
3 for this location in a fiscal year shall be limited to  
4 \$60,000.

5 d. The department may adjust the amount of the provider  
6 reimbursement supplement or the maximum number of hours per  
7 child authorized to the extent necessary to remain within the  
8 funding limitation applicable to a pilot project location.

9 e. In addition to the provider reimbursement supplement, a  
10 grantee shall be reimbursed up to \$20,000 for facility and  
11 equipment improvements made to a pilot project location in  
12 connection with the pilot project.

13 f. A grantee must provide evaluation information  
14 identified by the advisory council and the department.

15 g. A portion of the children served by a pilot project  
16 location must be receiving support from the state child care  
17 assistance program under section 237A.13. The portion shall  
18 be identified in the grant requirements.

19 3. The grant period shall begin on or before August 15,  
20 2006.

21 4. The grantees participating in the pilot project shall  
22 provide an evaluation report to the state child care advisory  
23 council on or before August 31, 2007. The advisory council  
24 shall include the reports received and provide its own  
25 findings and recommendations in making a report concerning the  
26 pilot project to the governor and the general assembly on or  
27 before November 1, 2007. The evaluation report information to  
28 be provided by grantees shall be specified by the advisory  
29 council and shall include but is not limited to a description  
30 of the demand for services, identification of the cost of the  
31 services provided, the public safety benefits accruing from  
32 the pilot project, and customer issues with the pilot project.

33 EXPLANATION

34 This bill provides for implementation of a child care at  
35 night pilot project by the department of human services and

1 makes an appropriation of \$300,000 for the pilot project.

2 The department is required to implement the pilot project  
3 with the assistance of the state child care advisory council.  
4 The pilot project is required to consist of three locations  
5 involving a licensed child care center in a large city, a  
6 small city, and a rural area. The project involves paying a  
7 provider reimbursement supplement of \$3 per hour for each  
8 child receiving care while parents are working between the  
9 hours of 5 p.m. and 8 a.m., for up to 2,000 hours during the  
10 fiscal year. However, each of the pilot project locations is  
11 also subject to a specific dollar limitation for the year, and  
12 the department is authorized to adjust the supplemental amount  
13 or maximum hours as necessary to remain within the limitation.

14 In addition to the reimbursement supplement, a pilot  
15 project location is required to be reimbursed for up to  
16 \$20,000 in facility or equipment costs incurred in connection  
17 with the pilot project.

18 The grant period is required to commence on or before  
19 August 15, 2006, and the grantees are required to submit  
20 evaluation reports by August 31, 2007. The advisory council  
21 is required to submit the reports and the council's own  
22 findings and recommendations concerning the pilot project to  
23 the governor and the general assembly by November 1, 2007.

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