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HUMAN RESOURCES

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the state child care assistance program by  
2 providing for implementation of transitional eligibility  
3 period provisions.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 237A.13, Code 2005, is amended by  
2 adding the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 5A. The department shall implement a  
4 transitional eligibility period provision that is applicable  
5 unless a waiting list is in effect for the state child care  
6 assistance program. Under the provision, if a family would  
7 become ineligible for the program due to excess earned income,  
8 the family shall remain eligible for an additional six-month  
9 period in accordance with this subsection. If during the six-  
10 month transitional eligibility period, the family's monthly  
11 income again falls within the program's income eligibility  
12 requirements, the family shall resume participation under the  
13 program's regular requirements and remains eligible for a  
14 subsequent six-month transitional eligibility period.  
15 Otherwise, each month of the six-month transitional  
16 eligibility period that the family's earned income remains in  
17 excess of regular program eligibility requirements, the half-  
18 day copayment amount applicable to the family shall be  
19 increased by one standard increment above the half-day  
20 copayment amount applicable to the family in the previous  
21 month. The incremental increases in the half-day copayment  
22 amount shall be suspended at the point the family's half-day  
23 copayment amount is equal to the maximum copayment amount  
24 applied under the program's regular income requirements.

25 EXPLANATION

26 This bill relates to the state child care assistance  
27 program under Code section 237A.13 by directing the department  
28 of human services to implement a six-month transitional  
29 eligibility period provision. The provision applies unless a  
30 waiting list requirement is in effect for the program.

31 A family remains eligible for the transitional period if  
32 the family's earned income exceeds the program's eligibility  
33 requirements. Each month the family's income remains in  
34 excess of the eligibility requirements, the half-day copayment  
35 amount increases by one standard increment until the amount

1 reaches the regular program's maximum copayment amount. If  
2 during a transitional period the family's income again falls  
3 within the program's eligibility requirements, the family  
4 resumes participation under the program's regular requirements  
5 and remains eligible for a subsequent six-month transitional  
6 eligibility period.

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