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House File 130

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Child Welfare.

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A BILL FOR

An Act to amend section two hundred forty point five (240.5), Code 1946, relating to the allowance to institutions for receiving and caring for neglected, dependent and delinquent children.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 Section 1. Section two hundred forty point five (240.5),
2 Code 1946, is amended by striking all of the section after
3 the words "monthly allowance" and by adding "for the welfare of
4 said child in such an amount as the board of supervisors in
5 their judgment and discretion may determine."

1 Sec. 2. This Act being deemed of immediate importance
2 shall be in full force and effect after publication in the
3 Baxter New Era, a newspaper published at
4 Baxter, Iowa, and the Maquoketa Community Press,
5 a newspaper published at Maquoketa, Iowa.
6 Said publication shall be without expense to the State of Iowa.

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 130

This bill amends the law relating to allowances to institutions for the care of neglected, dependent and delinquent children.

The purpose is to remove the present limitation of Eighteen (\$18.00) Dollars per month which is obviously insufficient and to leave the determination of the amount to local discretion. Fixing a higher maximum is not satisfactory because of different conditions in various parts of the state and because of the possibility of changing economic conditions wherein the new maximum might be found to be too high or too low.

The present inadequate allowance prevents many fine families from undertaking the foster care of children and limits the number of children who can be placed in wholesome family surroundings.

The bill is recommended by the Iowa Parent Teacher's Association, the Iowa Federation of Women's Clubs, the Iowa Inter-Church Council, the American Legion Auxiliary, the League of Women Voters, the Catholic Women's League, the American Association of University Women, the Lutheran Welfare Society, the Catholic Charities, the Iowa Children's Home Society, the American Home Finding Society, the Iowa Federation of Business and Professional Women and many other civic and religious groups.