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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to foster parent reimbursement and foster care
2 clothing allowances.

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

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SF 424 HUMAN RESOURCES

1 Section 1. Section 234.38, Code 2001, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 234.38 FOSTER CARE REIMBURSEMENT RATES.

4 1. The department of human services shall make
5 reimbursement payments directly to foster parents for services
6 provided to children pursuant to section 234.6, subsection 6,
7 paragraph "b", or section 234.35. In any fiscal year, the
8 reimbursement rate shall be based upon ~~sixty-five~~ seventy-five
9 percent of the United States department of agriculture
10 estimate of the cost to raise a child in the calendar year
11 immediately preceding the fiscal year. The department may pay
12 an additional stipend for a child with special needs.

13 2. The clothing allowance for children in family foster
14 care shall be two hundred fifty dollars per child per year,
15 plus a second clothing allowance of two hundred fifty dollars
16 per year shall be provided to replace lost clothing or to
17 address the child's growth or weight change or other special
18 circumstances. The clothing allowance amounts shall be
19 adjusted each fiscal year by the percentage increase in the
20 consumer price index for all urban consumers during the
21 calendar year which ended on December 31 prior to the
22 beginning of the fiscal year.

23 EXPLANATION

24 This bill relates to foster parent reimbursement and foster
25 care clothing allowances. Under current law, foster parent
26 reimbursement rates are based upon 65 percent of the United
27 States department of agriculture estimate of the cost to raise
28 a child in the calendar year immediately preceding the fiscal
29 year. The bill raises this percentage to 75 percent.

30 In addition, the bill specifies that the clothing allowance
31 for children in family foster care is \$250 per child per year
32 with a second clothing allowance of \$250 to be provided for
33 special circumstances. Currently, department of human
34 services administrative rules in 42 IAC 156-8 (1) allow the
35 foster care worker to authorize a clothing allowance of up to

1 \$250 for any type of foster care at the time of placement. In
2 addition, by rule, the foster care worker may authorize a
3 second allowance, not more than once per calendar year, of up
4 to \$200 for foster family care, to address special
5 circumstances of replacing lost clothing, or because of
6 unusual growth or weight change. The bill provides for
7 annually increasing the clothing allowance amounts based upon
8 the percentage increase in the consumer price index.

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