



BILL & AMENDMENT SUMMARY

State Child Care Assistance SF 2251

Status of Bill: House Calendar (passed Senate 48-0)
Committee: Human Resources (passed Committee 19-0)
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Bill Summary

Senate File 2251 makes various changes regarding the state's Child Care Assistance (CCA) program. The bill aggregates the total number of hours worked and school or training to qualify for CCA. Under current law, an applicant must meet a total hours of 28 per week working or in approved training or school program. The bill also extends eligibility from every six months to annually. The Department of Human Services (DHS) is required to adopt administrative rules to implement these changes by July 1, 2014.

DHS is required to review the CCA application form and processes to apply for CCA. DHS is required to submit a report on the review to the Governor and Legislature by December 1, 2014. DHS is also required to develop a mobile application program for individuals to use to apply for the CCA program.

Amendment Summary

H-8160 by Committee on Human Resources. The amendment requires DHS to implement a pilot project regarding qualifying for CCA. The bill specifies the pilot project is limited to Hamilton, Lee, Pottawattamie, and Scott counties. The pilot project will change the required number of hours working or in a training or educational program to an aggregate of 28 total hours per week. Under current law, an applicant must meet a total hours of 28 per week working or in approved training or school program.

DHS must report on the pilot project to the Legislature and Governor by January, 2015. The report must include findings and recommendations; an analysis of the fiscal impact on the CCA due to the changes; the effect of the revised requirements on the current net income and potential future income of the families utilizing the revised eligibility requirements; and the effect of applying the revised eligibility requirements on a statewide basis. DHS is required to work with participating families, community colleges, the United Way, and other stakeholders in developing the report.

This amendment is identical to HF 2380, which passed Human Resources Committee 21-0, died on the calendar, and was referred back to committee.

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