



## HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

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### Finding Family

- This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to have staff focused on finding relatives for children placed in foster care, and provides additional emphasis on foster parents that have cared for the child for at least nine months in determining custody.

### Section by Section Analysis

#### Section 1 (Iowa Code 232.84)

Requires DHHS to employ dedicated staff in central office for the sole purpose of identifying and providing notice to the child's relatives.

#### Section 2 (Iowa Code 232.102)

Allows the court to determine if placement with a foster parent that has had the child for the 9 months prior to the dispositional hearing is in the best interest of the child rather than placement with a relative or fictive kin.