

Red Tape Review Rule Report

(Due: September 1, 2026)

Department Name:	Child Advocacy Board	Date:	5/14/26	Total Rule Count:	1
IAC #:	489	Chapter/ SubChapter/ Rule(s):	1	Iowa Code Section Authorizing Rule:	237
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What is the intended benefit of the rule?

The child advocacy board is established by Iowa Code section 237.16. The board is charged with the responsibility of establishing a foster care registry, establishing local review boards to review cases of children in foster care, establishing a training program for members of the state board, establishing procedures and protocols for administering the local foster care review board and court appointed special advocate program, receiving and administering funds received for the state board's programs and annually reporting findings and making recommendations to the governor, the general assembly, the department, child-placing agencies, and the state court administrator for dissemination to the supreme court and the chief judge of each judicial district.

Is the benefit being achieved? Please provide evidence.

Yes. In SFY25, local boards reviewed and reported to the state board on 795 reviews, held for 531 cases involving 839 different children.

What are the costs incurred by the public to comply with the rule?

This rulemaking does not have a cost to the public.

What are the costs to the agency or any other agency to implement/enforce the rule?

The Department incurs personnel and other administrative costs associated with implementation of this proposed chapter.

Do the costs justify the benefits achieved? Please explain.

Yes. The establishment of the Child Advocacy Board is required by Iowa Code sections 237.15 and 237.16.

Are there less restrictive alternatives to accomplish the benefit? ☒ YES ☐ NO

If YES, please list alternative(s) and provide analysis of less restrictive alternatives from other states, if applicable. If NO, please explain.

Yes. As a result of the Red Tape Review outlined by Executive Order 10, the content of 489—Chapters 2-4 are being rescinded, and all of the rule content compiled into 489—Chapter 1.

Does this chapter/rule(s) contain language that is obsolete, outdated, inconsistent, redundant, or unnecessary language, including instances where rule language is duplicative of statutory language? [list chapter/rule number(s) that fall under any of the above categories]

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No.

RULES PROPOSED FOR REPEAL (list rule number[s]):

N/A

RULES PROPOSED FOR RE-PROMULGATION (list rule number[s] or include rule text if available):

N/A

***For rules being re-promulgated with changes, you may attach a document with suggested changes.**

METRICS

Total number of rules repealed:	0
Proposed word count reduction after repeal and/or re-promulgation	+849
Proposed number of restrictive terms eliminated after repeal and/or re-promulgation	+13

ARE THERE ANY STATUTORY CHANGES YOU WOULD RECOMMEND INCLUDING CODIFYING ANY RULES?

No.