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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the review criteria for applications under the  
2 community attraction and tourism program and the cultural and  
3 entertainment district certification program.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 15F.203, Code 2005, is amended by  
2 adding the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 3A. Additional consideration or  
4 additional points in the application of rating or evaluation  
5 criteria shall be given to the following types of  
6 applications:

7 a. Applications from a city or county where an Iowa great  
8 places project has been identified under the Iowa great places  
9 program established in section 303.3C.

10 b. Applications where the project is located in a cultural  
11 and entertainment district certified pursuant to section  
12 303.3B.

13 Sec. 2. Section 303.3B, subsection 2, Code Supplement  
14 2005, is amended to read as follows:

15 2. A city or county may create and designate a cultural  
16 and entertainment district subject to certification by the  
17 department of cultural affairs, in consultation with the  
18 department of economic development. In the certification  
19 process, the department of cultural affairs shall give  
20 additional consideration or additional points in the  
21 application of rating or evaluation criteria to applications  
22 from a city or county where an Iowa great places project has  
23 been identified under the Iowa great places program  
24 established in section 303.3C. A cultural and entertainment  
25 district is encouraged to include a unique form of  
26 transportation within the district and for transportation  
27 between the district and recreational trails. A cultural and  
28 entertainment district certification shall remain in effect  
29 for ten years following the date of certification. Two or  
30 more cities or counties may apply jointly for certification of  
31 a district that extends across a common boundary. Through the  
32 adoption of administrative rules, the department of cultural  
33 affairs shall develop a certification application for use in  
34 the certification process. The provisions of this subsection  
35 relating to the adoption of administrative rules shall be

1 construed narrowly.

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EXPLANATION

This bill relates to the review criteria for applications under the community attraction and tourism program and the cultural and entertainment district certification program.

Under the community attraction and tourism program, the bill provides that additional consideration or additional points in the application of rating or evaluation criteria shall be given to applications from a city or county where an Iowa great places project has been identified under the Iowa great places program and to applications where the project is located in a certified cultural and entertainment district.

Under the cultural and entertainment district certification program, the bill provides that, in the certification process, the department of cultural affairs shall give additional consideration or additional points in the application of rating or evaluation criteria to applications from a city or county where an Iowa great places project has been identified under the Iowa great places program.