

281—48.3 (256) Statewide work-based learning intermediary network. The statewide work-based learning intermediary network program is established by the department and shall be administered by the department through the division of community colleges.

48.3(1) *Statewide work-based learning intermediary network fund.* A separate, statewide work-based learning intermediary network fund is created in the state treasury under the control of the department pursuant to Iowa Code section 256.40(1).

a. Moneys deposited in the statewide work-based learning intermediary network fund established under Iowa Code section 256.40(1) shall be distributed annually to each region for the implementation of the work-based learning plan pursuant to Iowa Code section 256.40(7).

b. If the balance in the statewide work-based learning intermediary network fund on July 1 of a fiscal year is \$1.5 million or less, the department shall distribute moneys in the fund to the regional work-based learning intermediary networks or consortium of regions on a competitive basis. If the balance in the statewide work-based learning intermediary network fund on July 1 of a fiscal year is greater than \$1.5 million, the department shall distribute \$100,000 to each region and distribute the remaining moneys pursuant to the state aid distribution formula established in Iowa Code section 260C.18C.

48.3(2) *Steering committee.* The department shall establish and facilitate a steering committee comprised of representatives from the department of workforce development, the economic development authority, community colleges, institutions under the control of the state board of regents, accredited private institutions, area education agencies, school districts, and business and industry including, but not limited to, construction trade industry professionals. The steering committee shall:

a. Make recommendations to the department regarding the development and implementation of the statewide work-based learning intermediary network.

b. Develop a design for a statewide network comprised of 15 regional work-based learning intermediary networks aligned with community college boundaries. The design shall include network specifications, strategic functions, and desired outcomes.

c. Recommend program parameters and reporting requirements to the department.

48.3(3) *Providers.* No more than one entity from each region will be designated as the regional work-based learning intermediary network. A consortium of entities may collaborate to form a single work-based learning intermediary network in a region.