

Senate File 512

H-1442

1 Amend the amendment, H-1440, to Senate File 512, as amended,  
2 passed, and reprinted by the Senate, as follows:

3 1. Page 4, after line 24 by inserting:

4 <4A. Grants under the program shall be awarded subject to  
5 the satisfaction of all of the following conditions:

6 a. The Iowa nutrient reduction strategy is updated to  
7 include the interim goals and timelines of the gulf hypoxia  
8 Mississippi river task force that call for a twenty percent  
9 reduction in nitrates and phosphorus by calendar year 2025.

10 b. Each project shall require a comprehensive  
11 watershed-based assessment and planning process open to all  
12 landowners and other stakeholders, with an absolute preference  
13 for initiatives recommended or conducted by, or included in  
14 the plans of, a watershed management authority, with financial  
15 participation by local participants based on principles adopted  
16 according to the Iowa smart planning principles in chapter 18B.

17 c. Funding preference shall be given for projects that  
18 achieve one or more benefits in addition to nutrient reduction,  
19 including but not limited to soil health, erosion prevention,  
20 flood mitigation, reductions in other pollutants, wildlife  
21 habitat creation or preservation, and public recreational  
22 access. Program funds shall not be used for initiatives that  
23 are solely demonstration projects or initiatives under the Iowa  
24 nutrient reduction strategy.

25 d. The project establishes specific benchmarks, priorities,  
26 goals, timelines, and milestones, including regular ambient  
27 water quality measurements for the project, which are  
28 consistent with the goals and timelines of the Iowa nutrient  
29 reduction strategy, including but not limited to the changes  
30 required in paragraph "a".

31 e. The project has its performance evaluated by a competent  
32 and independent third-party entity at least once every two  
33 years starting from the beginning of the project and again at  
34 the conclusion of the project.

35 f. The project publicly reports participation, progress,

1 and results at least once every two years, which reports shall  
2 include, at a minimum, measured changes in water quality.

3 *g.* The project shall require, at a minimum, at least a fifty  
4 percent cost share from landowners or other private entities or  
5 persons for improvements to private property, including both  
6 installation and maintenance, and including regular maintenance  
7 in accordance with public easements for a minimum of twenty  
8 years. Any public moneys awarded for improvements that are  
9 not maintained or that are removed shall be returned to the  
10 authority.>

11 2. Page 13, after line 13 by inserting:

12 <1A. Awards of financial assistance under the program shall  
13 be made subject to the satisfaction of all of the following  
14 conditions:

15 *a.* The Iowa nutrient reduction strategy is updated to  
16 include the interim goals and timelines of the gulf hypoxia  
17 Mississippi river task force that call for a twenty percent  
18 reduction in nitrates and phosphorus by calendar year 2025.

19 *b.* Each project shall require a comprehensive  
20 watershed-based assessment and planning process open to all  
21 landowners and other stakeholders, with an absolute preference  
22 for initiatives recommended or conducted by, or included in  
23 the plans of, a watershed management authority, with financial  
24 participation by local participants based on principles adopted  
25 according to the Iowa smart planning principles in chapter 18B.

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27 achieve one or more benefits in addition to nutrient reduction,  
28 including but not limited to soil health, erosion prevention,  
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33 nutrient reduction strategy.

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35 goals, timelines, and milestones, including regular ambient

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2 consistent with the goals and timelines of the Iowa nutrient  
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13 percent cost share from landowners or other private entities or  
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15 installation and maintenance, and including regular maintenance  
16 in accordance with public easements for a minimum of twenty  
17 years. Any public moneys awarded for improvements that are  
18 not maintained or that are removed shall be returned to the  
19 authority.>

20 3. Page 31, after line 6 by inserting:

21 <2A. Awards of financial assistance under the programs  
22 shall be made subject to the satisfaction of all of the  
23 following conditions:

24 a. The Iowa nutrient reduction strategy is updated to  
25 include the interim goals and timelines of the gulf hypoxia  
26 Mississippi river task force that call for a twenty percent  
27 reduction in nitrates and phosphorus by calendar year 2025.

28 b. Each project shall require a comprehensive  
29 watershed-based assessment and planning process open to all  
30 landowners and other stakeholders, with an absolute preference  
31 for initiatives recommended or conducted by, or included in  
32 the plans of, a watershed management authority, with financial  
33 participation by local participants based on principles adopted  
34 according to the Iowa smart planning principles in chapter 18B.

35 c. Funding preference shall be given for projects that

1 achieve one or more benefits in addition to nutrient reduction,  
2 including but not limited to soil health, erosion prevention,  
3 flood mitigation, reductions in other pollutants, wildlife  
4 habitat creation or preservation, and public recreational  
5 access. Program funds shall not be used for initiatives that  
6 are solely demonstration projects or initiatives under the Iowa  
7 nutrient reduction strategy.

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9 goals, timelines, and milestones, including regular ambient  
10 water quality measurements for the project, which are  
11 consistent with the goals and timelines of the Iowa nutrient  
12 reduction strategy, including but not limited to the changes  
13 required in paragraph "a".

14 *e.* The project has its performance evaluated by a competent  
15 and independent third-party entity at least once every two  
16 years starting from the beginning of the project and again at  
17 the conclusion of the project.

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19 and results at least once every two years, which reports shall  
20 include, at a minimum, measured changes in water quality.

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22 percent cost share from landowners or other private entities or  
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25 in accordance with public easements for a minimum of twenty  
26 years. Any public moneys awarded for improvements that are  
27 not maintained or that are removed shall be returned to the  
28 division.>

29 4. By renumbering, redesignating, and correcting internal  
30 references as necessary.

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