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EDUCATION

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to adult basic education programs at the
2 community colleges and making an appropriation.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 260C.41 ADULT BASIC EDUCATION
2 PROGRAM.

3 1. An adult basic education program is established to
4 provide basic educational skills to adults who are twenty-one
5 years of age or older and who have very limited to moderately
6 deficient literacy skills. A community college receiving
7 funds for the program may expend the funds for equipment,
8 audio or visual materials, staff development activities for
9 the program, development or expansion of outreach or referral
10 services to identify and attract program participants, and
11 program assessment. Each community college shall submit a
12 report to the department of education which includes, but is
13 not limited to, an accounting for expenditure of funds
14 received under the program, numbers of persons served under
15 the program, an assessment of the impact of the program on
16 persons served under the program, and an estimation of the
17 numbers of persons yet to be served under the program.

18 2. The state board shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter
19 17A that provide minimum standards for adult basic education
20 programs at the community colleges.

21 3. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
22 state to the department of education for each fiscal year the
23 sum of seven hundred fifty thousand dollars for adult basic
24 education programs at the community colleges, to be used as
25 provided in this section. Funds appropriated in this
26 subsection shall be distributed by the department in the same
27 manner, utilizing the same formula, as federal funds received
28 for adult literacy programs at the community colleges.

29 EXPLANATION

30 This bill creates and appropriates annually \$750,000 in
31 funds for adult basic education programs at the community
32 colleges. Program funds are allocated to each of the 15
33 merged areas, based upon a federal allocation formula for
34 adult literacy programs, for the respective merged area's
35 community college's expenditure on the program. Program

1 moneys are to be spent on adult populations not currently
2 served by the kindergarten through grade twelve system, due to
3 age restrictions on funding computations, and which are made
4 up of persons who have limited literacy skills. Moneys are to
5 be expended for certain specified needs under the program.
6 The state board of education is to adopt rules, in
7 consultation with the Iowa literacy council, setting minimum
8 program standards for adult basic education programs in the
9 state.

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