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EDUCATION

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a career opportunity program.

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

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HF 352

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 260C.29 CAREER OPPORTUNITY
2 PROGRAM -- MISSION.

3 1. The mission of the career opportunity program
4 established in this section is to encourage collaborative
5 efforts by a community college, the institutions under the
6 control of the state board of regents, and business and
7 industry to enhance the educational opportunities and provide
8 for job creation and career advancement for Iowa's minority
9 persons by providing assistance to minority persons who major
10 in fields or subject areas where minorities are currently
11 underrepresented or underutilized.

12 2. A career opportunity program is established to be
13 administered by the community college located in a county with
14 a population in excess of three hundred thousand. The
15 community college shall provide office space for the efficient
16 operation of the program. The community college shall employ
17 a director for the program. The director of the program shall
18 employ necessary support staff. The director and staff shall
19 be employees of the community college.

20 3. The director of the program shall do the following:

21 a. Direct the coordination of the program between the
22 community college and the institutions of higher education
23 under the control of the state board of regents.

24 b. Propose rules to the state board of education as
25 necessary to implement the program.

26 c. Recruit minority persons into the program.

27 d. Enlist the assistance and cooperation of leaders from
28 business and industry to provide job placement services for
29 students who are successfully completing the program.

30 e. Prepare and submit an annual report to the governor and
31 the general assembly by January 15.

32 4. To be eligible for the program, a minority person shall
33 be a resident of Iowa who is accepted for admission at or
34 attends a community college or an institution of higher
35 education under the control of the state board of regents. In

1 addition, the person shall major in or achieve credit toward
2 an associate degree, a bachelor's degree, or a master's degree
3 in a field or subject area where minorities are
4 underrepresented or underutilized.

5 5. The amount of assistance provided to a student under
6 this section shall not exceed the cost of tuition, fees, and
7 books required for the program in which the student is
8 enrolled and attends. As used in this section, "books" may
9 include book substitutes, including reusable workbooks, loose-
10 leaf or bound manuals, and computer software materials used as
11 book substitutes. A student who meets the qualifications of
12 this section shall receive assistance under this section for
13 not more than the equivalent of two full years of study.

14 6. For purposes of this section, "minority person" means a
15 person who is Black, Hispanic, Asian, or a Pacific Islander,
16 American Indian, or an Alaskan native American.

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EXPLANATION

18 This bill establishes a career opportunity program to
19 encourage collaborative efforts by a community college, the
20 institutions under the control of the state board of regents,
21 and business and industry to enhance the educational
22 opportunities and provide for job creation and career
23 advancement for Iowa's minority persons by providing
24 assistance to minority persons who major in fields or subject
25 areas where minorities are currently underrepresented or
26 underutilized.

27 The community college located in a county with a population
28 in excess of 300,000 shall administer the program, provide
29 office space for the program, and employ a director for the
30 program. The director of the program shall employ necessary
31 support staff. The director and staff shall be employees of
32 the community college.

33 The director shall direct the coordination of the program
34 between the community college and the institutions of higher
35 education under the control of the state board of regents;

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