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BY COMMITTEE ON LOCAL
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(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 2206)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing requirements for implementation of new or
2 revised federal block grant provisions which affect local
3 governments and providing an effective date and applicability
4 provision.

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

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3 revised state statutes relating to federal block grant
4 provisions in the manner described in this section. Unless
5 otherwise provided by state law or federal law or regulation,
6 a state agency or department shall comply with all of the
7 following requirements in implementing a new or revised
8 federal block grant provision which affects a political
9 subdivision:

10 1. Utilize as primary goals the attaining of savings for
11 taxpayers and the avoidance of shifting costs from federal to
12 state and local government.

13 2. Planning activities shall be held jointly with
14 officials of the affected political subdivision and with
15 members of the public who may be affected. A proposed plan
16 shall address proposed expenditures and accountability
17 measures for the use of the expenditures. A proposed plan
18 shall be published in advance of adoption so as to provide
19 opportunity for public review and comment.

20 3. If a political subdivision has an existing service
21 delivery system capable of delivering a service pursuant to a
22 federal block grant, the political subdivision shall
23 administer funding under the federal block grant to utilize
24 that service system to the extent possible. The requirements
25 of this subsection shall apply to any service delivered
26 pursuant to a federal block grant, including but not limited
27 to any of the following federal block grant areas: health,
28 human services, education, employment, community and economic
29 development, and criminal justice.

30 4. If a service delivered pursuant to a federal block
31 grant and implemented by a political subdivision was
32 previously implemented by the political subdivision under a
33 categorical grant, the state shall allow the political
34 subdivision adequate transition time to accommodate related
35 changes in federal and state policy. Transition activities

1 may include but are not limited to revision of the political
2 subdivision's laws, budgets, and administrative procedures.

3 5. The political subdivision shall be allowed flexibility
4 to implement a service in a manner so as to address
5 identifiable needs within the context of meeting broad
6 national objectives.

7 6. State administrative costs associated with a service
8 implemented by a political subdivision shall be limited to an
9 amount which is reasonable and justifiable for the
10 administrative activities provided.

11 7. A federal mandate eliminated or waived for the state
12 shall be eliminated or waived for political subdivisions.

13 8. This section shall not be construed to permit the use
14 of federal block grant funds to supplant existing funding
15 efforts by the state.

16 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE -- APPLICABILITY. This Act, being
17 deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment
18 and applies to new or revised federal block grant provisions
19 which take effect on or after the effective date of this Act.

20 EXPLANATION

21 This bill amends chapter 25B, relating to state mandates.
22 The new section states legislative intent and provides
23 requirements for implementation of new or revised federal
24 block grant provisions which affect political subdivisions.
25 As defined in chapter 25B, the term political subdivision
26 means a city, county, township, or school district.

27 The bill provides for policy goals, joint planning between
28 the state and the local government, implementation through
29 existing local government service delivery systems, allowing
30 reasonable transition time, allowing local flexibility,
31 limiting state administrative costs, and requiring waiver or
32 elimination of those mandates on local governments which the
33 federal government waived or eliminated for the state. The
34 bill also provides that federal block grant funds are not to
35 be used to supplant state funds.

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2 changes taking effect on or after that date.

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