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A BILL FOR

1 An Act making an appropriation for grants for independent living
 2 centers for persons with disabilities.

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

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S.F. 279

1 Section 1. DIVISION OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION -- CEN-
2 TERS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING. There is appropriated from the
3 general fund of the state to the department of education for
4 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1995, and ending June 30,
5 1996, the following amount, or so much thereof as is neces-
6 sary, to be used for the purpose designated:

7 For grants administered by the division of vocational re-
8 habilitation, in accordance with the provisions of this
9 section:

10 \$ 876,000

11 1. The general assembly finds that independent living
12 centers enable persons with disabilities to access independent
13 living skills training, peer counseling, information and
14 referral services, and individual and system advocacy
15 activities, and that access to these resources is essential
16 for persons with disabilities to realize their rights and
17 responsibilities as citizens.

18 2. The division of vocational rehabilitation shall dis-
19 tribute the moneys appropriated in this section through grants
20 to independent living centers in accordance with a plan
21 developed in cooperation with the statewide independent living
22 council. Grants shall be limited to independent living
23 centers located in this state which receive or are eligible to
24 receive a federal grant to centers for independent living
25 under 29 U.S.C. § 796f et seq. Moneys granted under this
26 section shall be used in accordance with federal requirements
27 for centers for independent living. A grantee providing
28 independent living services in this and another state shall
29 utilize moneys granted under this section only for assistance
30 provided to residents of this state. Moneys shall be
31 distributed in a manner so as to ensure that the combination
32 of federal and state funds provided in a fiscal year to the
33 independent living centers located in this state for
34 independent living resources is at least \$225,000. The
35 division shall establish reporting requirements and other

1 requirements deemed necessary by the division to ensure that
2 the moneys granted under this section are used appropriately.

3 3. Of the moneys appropriated in this section, not more
4 than \$250,000 shall be used for funding of independent living
5 centers in areas of the state which are unserved or
6 underserved by an independent living center as of June 30,
7 1995.

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EXPLANATION

9 This bill relates to and makes an appropriation to the de-
10 partment of education for grants to centers for independent
11 living for persons with disabilities. The grants are to be
12 administered by the department's division of vocational reha-
13 bilitation in accordance with a plan developed cooperatively
14 with the statewide independent living council. The statewide
15 independent living council is an entity created in accordance
16 with federal law.

17 Definitions and other requirements for centers for
18 independent living are established in federal law. The
19 requirements include nonprofit status, a focus on serving
20 persons with severe disabilities, control of the center by
21 persons with disabilities, provision of certain core services,
22 an emphasis on community-based, nonresidential services, and
23 provision for equal access to services.

24 The division is directed to distribute moneys in a manner
25 to ensure a minimum funding level for the centers for indepen-
26 dent living and to develop reporting and other requirements to
27 ensure moneys are used appropriately.

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