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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to child development assistance.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 256A.2, Code 1995, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 256A.2 CHILD DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL ESTABLISHED.

4 A child development coordinating council is established to
5 promote the provision of child development services to at-risk
6 ~~three-year-and-four-year-old~~ children from birth through age
7 eight. The council shall consist of the following members:

8 1. The administrator of the division of child and family
9 services of the department of human services or the
10 administrator's designee.

11 2. The director of the department of education or the
12 director's designee.

13 3. The director of human services or the director's
14 designee.

15 4. The director of the department of public health or the
16 director's designee.

17 5. An early childhood specialist of an area education
18 agency selected by the area education agency administrators.

19 6. The dean of the college of family and consumer sciences
20 at Iowa State University of science and technology or the
21 dean's designee.

22 7. The dean of the college of education from the
23 University of Northern Iowa or the dean's designee.

24 8. The professor and head of the department of pediatrics
25 at the University of Iowa or the professor's designee.

26 9. A resident of this state who is a parent of a child who
27 is or has been served by a federal head start program.

28 10. A member of the commission on the status of African-
29 Americans.

30 11. A director of a resource and referral agency.

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32 Staff assistance for the council shall be provided by the
33 department of education. Members of the council shall be
34 reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred while
35 engaged in their official duties and shall receive per diem

1 compensation at the level authorized under section 7E.6,
2 subsection 1, paragraph "a".

3 Sec. 2. Section 256A.3, subsections 2, 3, 5, and 7, Code
4 1995, are amended to read as follows:

5 2. Establish minimum guidelines for comprehensive early
6 child development services for at-risk ~~three-year-and-four-~~
7 ~~year-old~~ children from birth through age eight. The
8 guidelines shall reflect current research findings on the
9 necessary components for cost-effective child development
10 services.

11 3. At least biennially, develop an inventory of child
12 development services provided to at-risk ~~three-year-and-four-~~
13 ~~year-old~~ children from birth through age eight in this state
14 and identify the number of children receiving and not
15 receiving these services, the types of programs under which
16 the services are received, the degree to which each program
17 meets the council's minimum guidelines for a comprehensive
18 program, and the reasons children not receiving the services
19 are not being served. The council is not required to conduct
20 independent research in developing the inventory, but shall
21 determine information needs necessary to provide a more
22 complete inventory.

23 5. Subject to the availability of funds appropriated or
24 otherwise available for the purpose of providing child
25 development services, award grants for programs that provide
26 new or additional child development services to at-risk
27 children.

28 In awarding program grants to an agency or individual, the
29 council shall consider the following:

30 a. The quality of the staff and staff background in child
31 development services.

32 b. The degree to which the program is or will be
33 integrated with existing community resources and has the
34 support of the local community.

35 c. The ability of the program to provide for child care in

1 addition to child development services for families needing
2 full-day child care.

3 d. A staff-to-children ratio within the guidelines
4 established under subsection 2, but not less than one staff
5 member per eight children.

6 e. The degree to which the program involves and works with
7 the parents, and includes home visits, instruction for parents
8 on parenting skills, on enhancement of skills in providing for
9 their children's learning and development, and the physical,
10 mental, and emotional development of children, and
11 experiential education.

12 f. The manner in which health, medical, dental, and
13 nutrition services are incorporated into the program.

14 g. The degree to which the program complements existing
15 programs and services for at-risk three-year-and-four-year-old
16 children from birth through age eight available in the area,
17 including other day-care services, services provided through
18 the school district, and services available through area
19 education agencies.

20 h. The degree to which the program can be monitored and
21 evaluated to determine its ability to meet its goals.

22 i. The provision of transportation or other auxiliary
23 services that may be necessary for families to participate in
24 the program.

25 j. The provision of staff training and development, and
26 staff compensation sufficient to assure continuity.

27 k. The ability of the program to train parents and
28 successfully engage them in working in the program.

29 l. The degree to which the program offers a unified
30 streamlined continuum of services to students and families.

31 m. The ability of the program to obtain matching dollars
32 and other resources from the community.

33 n. The degree to which the program reaches out to embrace
34 local culture and to promote health and nutrition.

35 Program grants funded under this subsection may integrate

1 children not meeting at-risk criteria into the program and
2 shall establish a fee for participation in the program in the
3 manner provided in section 279.49, but grant funds shall not
4 be used to pay the costs for those children.

5 7. Encourage the establishment of regional councils
6 designed to facilitate the development on a regional basis of
7 programs for at-risk ~~three-year-and-four-year-old~~ children
8 from birth through age eight.

9 Sec. 3. Section 256A.4, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph
10 1, Code 1995, is amended to read as follows:

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12 and offer a program which provides outreach and incentives for
13 the voluntary participation of expectant parents and parents
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16 family support experiences designed to assist parents in
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18 of their children. A district providing a family support
19 program, which seeks additional funding under sections 294A.13
20 through 294A.16, shall meet the requirements of this section
21 and the program shall be subject to approval by the department
22 of education. A board may contract with another school
23 district or public or private nonprofit agency for provision
24 of the approved program or program site.

25 Sec. 4. Section 256A.5, Code 1995, is amended by adding
26 the following new unnumbered paragraph after unnumbered
27 paragraph 1:

28 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. The advisory committee shall
29 identify local resources.

30 EXPLANATION

31 This bill adds a member of the commission on the status of
32 African-Americans, a director of a resource and referral
33 agency, and a director of a head start program to the child
34 development coordinating council and expands the purview of
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