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EDUCATION

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for the admission and education of optometry
2 students in states which have accredited schools and colleges
3 of optometry, and making an appropriation.

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

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 261.26 OPTOMETRY SCHOOL GRANTS.

2 1. The commission shall contract with the proper officials
3 of states which have accredited schools and colleges of
4 optometry for the admission and education of qualified
5 applicants who are domiciliaries of Iowa and who have
6 demonstrated interest, aptitude, and readiness for study in
7 the field of optometry. In making a final determination of
8 who is a domiciliary of Iowa, the commission shall adopt rules
9 for each academic year consistent with those followed for
10 determining Iowa resident students in section 261.15 and
11 subject to the provisions of chapter 17A.

12 2. The commission shall contract for the right of not less
13 than ten qualified persons to enter accredited schools and
14 colleges of optometry during each academic school year. The
15 commission shall initiate an affirmative action program to
16 ensure equal opportunity for participation by women, men, and
17 minority students. The commission shall make a report
18 regarding its duties to the legislative fiscal committee at
19 such time as the legislative fiscal committee shall request.

20 3. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
21 state to the commission for each fiscal year the sum of fifty
22 thousand dollars to be used for providing funding to
23 individuals attending an optometry school pursuant to this
24 section. Funds expended on behalf of each person shall not
25 exceed five thousand dollars during any one fiscal year.
26 Moneys appropriated shall be in addition to amounts received,
27 if any, pursuant to section 261.25.

28 EXPLANATION

29 This bill provides that the college student aid commission
30 shall contract with state officials in states which have
31 accredited schools and colleges of optometry for the admission
32 and education of qualified applicants domiciled in the state
33 of Iowa demonstrating an interest in and readiness and
34 aptitude for the study of optometry. The commission shall
35 adopt rules consistent with Code section 261.15 and the

1 provisions of Code chapter 17A regarding the determination of
2 domiciliary status. The bill provides that an appropriation
3 of \$50,000 shall be made from the general fund of the state to
4 be used to provide funding for optometry study, pursuant to a
5 grant program to be developed and administered by the
6 commission. The funds appropriated shall be utilized for
7 grants for not less than 10 qualified individuals annually, on
8 an affirmative action basis. Funds expended per recipient
9 shall not exceed \$5,000 annually. The bill provides that the
10 commission shall make a report to the legislative fiscal
11 committee regarding its activities under this program upon
12 request.

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