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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act establishing a competitive grant program for public health  
2 nursing and making an appropriation.

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

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1 Section 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of  
2 the state to the Iowa department of public health for the  
3 fiscal year beginning July 1, 1998, and ending June 30, 1999,  
4 the following amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary,  
5 to be used for the purpose designated:

6 For a competitive grant program for public health nursing:  
7 ..... \$ 1,000,000

8 The funds appropriated shall be utilized by the department  
9 to establish a competitive grant program to increase the  
10 availability of public health nurses throughout the state, and  
11 shall be in addition to those funds allocated pursuant to  
12 existing contracts entered into between the department and the  
13 local boards of health and boards of supervisors.

14 A county may submit an application to the department for a  
15 grant to expand the county's existing public health nursing  
16 program by October 1, 1998, on application forms to be  
17 developed by the department. Grant award criteria shall  
18 include the extent to which existing allocations to the county  
19 have successfully been utilized to maintain and expand the  
20 public health nursing program for elderly and low-income  
21 persons, the proportion of elderly and low-income persons  
22 living in the county in relation to the total number of  
23 elderly and low-income persons living in the state, and  
24 proposals submitted by the county for expanding existing  
25 services and programs to meet the particular needs of the  
26 elderly and low-income persons residing within the county. A  
27 county receiving a grant award may utilize the funds to expand  
28 existing subcontracts with a nonprofit nurses' association,  
29 independent nonprofit agency, or other entity to provide  
30 public health nursing care, or for new programs and services  
31 as proposed in the grant application.

32 The department shall submit a report to the general  
33 assembly by January 1, 2000, regarding the effectiveness of  
34 the competitive grant program in expanding public health  
35 nursing care, and containing recommendations regarding future

1 utilization or expansion of the program.

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EXPLANATION

3 This bill provides for the establishment of a competitive  
4 grant program for public health nursing by the Iowa department  
5 of public health, utilizing an appropriation of \$1 million for  
6 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1998, and ending June 30,  
7 1999. The bill provides that the purpose of the program shall  
8 be to increase the availability of public health nurses  
9 throughout the state, and that grants shall be in addition to  
10 existing allocations pursuant to contracts entered into  
11 between the department and the local boards of health and  
12 boards of supervisors. The bill provides that a county may  
13 submit an application to the department for a grant to expand  
14 the county's existing public health nursing program by October  
15 1, 1998. Grant award criteria shall include the extent to  
16 which existing allocations to the county have succeeded in  
17 maintaining and expanding the public health nursing program  
18 for elderly and low-income persons, the proportion of elderly  
19 and low-income persons living in the county in relation to the  
20 total number of elderly and low-income persons living in the  
21 state, and the proposals submitted by the county for expanding  
22 existing services and programs to meet the particular needs of  
23 the elderly and low-income persons. A county receiving an  
24 award may utilize the funds to expand existing subcontracts  
25 with a nonprofit nurses' association, independent nonprofit  
26 agency, or other entity to provide public health nursing care,  
27 or for new programs and services as proposed in the grant  
28 application.

29 The bill provides that the department shall submit a report  
30 to the general assembly regarding the effectiveness of the  
31 program by January 1, 2000.

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