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APPROPRIATIONS

HOUSE FILE 2536
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act making an appropriation to the department of corrections
2 for assistance to counties billed for health care costs of
3 certain escapees from a correctional facility and providing an
4 effective date.

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

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1 Section 1. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS. There is
2 appropriated from the general fund of the state to the
3 department of corrections for the fiscal year beginning July
4 1, 1997, and ending June 30, 1998, the following amount, or so
5 much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purpose
6 designated:

7 For payment of assistance to counties for health care costs
8 billed to those counties for care provided to escapees from a
9 correctional facility administered by the department due to
10 injuries sustained by the escapees in automobile accidents
11 which occurred during calendar year 1995:

12 \$ 60,000

13 Counties eligible for assistance under this section shall
14 file a claim with the department for assistance within 30 days
15 of the effective date of this Act. The department shall
16 identify those counties eligible for assistance and approve
17 warrants for payment of the claims within 60 days of the
18 effective date of this Act. If the amount of the eligible
19 claims exceeds the amount appropriated in this section,
20 payment of the claims shall be prorated among the eligible
21 claims.

22 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
23 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

24 EXPLANATION

25 This bill makes a fiscal year 1997-1998 appropriation to
26 the department of corrections for payment of assistance to
27 counties for health care costs billed to the counties for care
28 provided to escapees from a correctional facility due to
29 injuries sustained by the escapees in automobile accidents
30 which occurred in calendar year 1995.

31 If the amount of eligible claims exceeds the amount
32 appropriated, the department is to prorate the claims. A
33 county must file a claim within 30 days of the bill's
34 effective date and the department must approve warrants for
35 payment of the claims within 60 days of that date.

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The bill takes effect upon enactment.