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APPROPRIATIONS

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act limiting a standing appropriation to the executive council
2 for costs associated with court proceedings involving the
3 state.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 7D.10, Code 1997, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 7D.10 COURT COSTS.

4 1. If sufficient funds for court costs have not been
5 appropriated to a state department, or if sufficient funds are
6 not otherwise available for such purposes within the budget of
7 a state department, the executive council may pay, ~~out-of-any~~
8 ~~money-in-the-state-treasury-not-otherwise~~ from moneys
9 appropriated in subsection 2, expenses incurred, or costs
10 taxed to the state, in any proceeding brought by or against
11 any of the state departments or in which the state is a party
12 or is interested. This section shall not be construed to
13 authorize the payment of travel or other personal expenses of
14 state officers or employees.

15 2. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
16 state to the executive council for each fiscal year, twenty-
17 five thousand dollars, to be used for the purposes of
18 subsection 1 in accordance with this subsection. If the
19 moneys appropriated in this subsection are fully obligated for
20 a fiscal year, a state department requiring funding for
21 purposes of subsection 1 shall submit a request to the general
22 assembly for an appropriation.

23 EXPLANATION

24 This bill limits a standing unlimited appropriation to the
25 executive council for costs associated with court proceedings
26 to which the state is a party or has an interest and there is
27 insufficient funding in a state department's budget to pay the
28 costs.

29 The bill amends Code section 7D.10 to limit the standing
30 appropriation to \$25,000 for each fiscal year. If this amount
31 is fully obligated, a state department requiring funding for
32 the court costs must obtain funding for the court costs by
33 submitting an appropriation request to the general assembly.

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