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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing neighborhood development initiative pilot
2 projects for neighborhood development, and providing an
3 appropriation.

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

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 272E.1 TITLE.

2 This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the
3 "Neighborhood Development Initiative Act".

4 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 272E.2 PURPOSE.

5 The purpose of the neighborhood development initiative is
6 to facilitate community development in neighborhoods through
7 engaging and training volunteers.

8 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 272E.3 NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT
9 INITIATIVE PROGRAM.

10 1. A neighborhood development initiative program shall be
11 undertaken and implemented through a collaborative effort by
12 board of regents institutions. The lead institution in the
13 program shall be the institute for decision making at the
14 university of northern Iowa. The program shall include pilot
15 projects on all of the following:

16 a. In an existing neighborhood without a formal
17 neighborhood organization, a pilot project shall develop a
18 formal neighborhood organization, determine neighborhood needs
19 and priorities, identify community resources available to the
20 neighborhood, develop leadership, recommend changes, develop
21 an action plan, and develop a budget.

22 b. In a newly organized neighborhood organization, a pilot
23 project shall assess the effectiveness of the organization,
24 identify or review priorities and new issues, assess plans and
25 progress, recommend changes, develop an action plan, develop a
26 budget, and develop a fund-raising plan.

27 c. In a mature and established neighborhood organization,
28 a pilot project shall assess past success, assess the
29 organizational organization, assess the plans and programs,
30 develop an action plan, develop a budget and identify or seek
31 community resources, recommend public policy updates,
32 recommend changes, and develop a communication plan.

33 2. The pilot projects shall result in the development of
34 program requirements, program qualifications, and a
35 recommended approach for a neighborhood development initiative

1 program for neighborhoods at any stage of development.

2 3. By January 1, 1998, the board of regents institutions
3 participating in the pilot projects shall submit a joint
4 report to the general assembly regarding the results of the
5 pilot projects and a recommended approach for the full
6 implementation of a neighborhood development initiative
7 program.

8 Sec. 4. APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated from the
9 general fund of the state to the board of regents for the
10 fiscal year beginning July 1, 1997, and ending June 30, 1998,
11 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to
12 be used for the purposes designated:

13 For the institute of decision making at the university of
14 northern Iowa for the purpose of the implementation of pilot
15 projects in conjunction with other board of regent
16 institutions pursuant to chapter 272E, including salaries,
17 support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

18\$ 50,000

19 EXPLANATION

20 This bill establishes a neighborhood development initiative
21 program.

22 The bill provides that the program shall include pilot
23 projects to be conducted to develop program requirements,
24 program qualifications, and a recommended approach for a
25 neighborhood development initiative program. The pilot
26 projects shall be conducted as a collaborative effort by board
27 of regents institutions with the lead institution being the
28 institute for decision making at the university of northern
29 Iowa. The pilot projects shall be conducted in an existing
30 neighborhood without a formal organization, a newly organized
31 neighborhood organization, and a mature and established
32 neighborhood organization. In each neighborhood, the pilot
33 project shall, among other things, examine and develop
34 neighborhood organization, determine needs and priorities,
35 assess and develop plans, recommend changes, and develop a

1 budget. Results of the pilot projects and a recommended
2 approach for the full implementation of the neighborhood
3 development initiative program shall be submitted in a report
4 to the general assembly by January 1, 1998.

5 The bill provides for an appropriation of \$50,000 to the
6 board of regents for the implementation of the pilot projects.

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