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**APPROPRIATIONS**

HOUSE FILE 598  
BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 184)

(COMPANION TO LSB 2049SV)

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1 An Act establishing the enrich Iowa program for eligible public  
2 libraries and making an appropriation.

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

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7 learners. It is therefore in the interest of the citizens of  
8 Iowa that a comprehensive initiative be undertaken to reduce  
9 inequities in library services throughout the state and  
10 provide public libraries with the funds necessary to meet the  
11 present and future needs of this state's citizens.

12 2. There is appropriated from the general fund of the  
13 state to the department of education for each fiscal year the  
14 sum of three million dollars, which shall be allocated to the  
15 division of libraries and information services for the  
16 following purposes and in the following amounts:

17 a. Of the funds allocated each year, the division shall  
18 distribute one million eight hundred thousand dollars to  
19 eligible public libraries that comply with the standards set  
20 forth in the in service to Iowa: public library measures of  
21 quality publication adopted by the commission of libraries.  
22 The amount distributed to each eligible public library shall  
23 be based upon the following:

24 (1) The level at which the eligible public library  
25 complies with the in service to Iowa publication adopted by  
26 the commission of libraries.

27 (2) The number of people residing within an eligible  
28 library's geographic area and for whom the library was  
29 established.

30 (3) The amount of funding the eligible public library  
31 received in the previous fiscal year for service to rural  
32 residents and to contracting communities.

33 Moneys received by a public library under this paragraph  
34 shall supplement, not supplant, local funding.

35 b. For purposes of technology development, coordination of

1 technology, and resource sharing by the state and regional  
2 libraries, resulting in equitable access to library resources,  
3 the sum of six hundred fifty thousand dollars to be used by  
4 the division of libraries and information services. Moneys  
5 allocated under this subsection shall also be used to extend  
6 the availability of statewide on-line databases using the  
7 Internet and information resources. Moneys allocated to the  
8 division in this paragraph may be distributed to regional  
9 libraries.

10 c. For purposes of establishing a grant program  
11 administered by the division, the sum of four hundred fifty  
12 thousand dollars. The division shall award grants on a  
13 competitive basis to eligible public libraries that submit to  
14 the division plans for innovative technologies and services,  
15 cooperative alliances between libraries, or for physical  
16 library facilities enhancement. An application submitted  
17 shall also contain a commitment of at least a dollar-for-  
18 dollar match of the grant assistance. The division shall  
19 appoint an advisory committee for purposes of recommending  
20 priorities and criteria for the awarding of grants under this  
21 paragraph. The advisory committee shall submit its report and  
22 recommendations annually to the state librarian and the  
23 commission of libraries by August 15.

24 d. For purposes of administering the enrich Iowa program,  
25 and assisting eligible public libraries to obtain funding  
26 under the program, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars.

27 3. For purposes of this section, "eligible public library"  
28 means a public library that meets at least all of the  
29 following requirements:

30 a. Submits to the division of libraries and information  
31 services all of the following:

32 (1) The report provided for under section 256.51,  
33 subsection 1, paragraph "h".

34 (2) An application and report form for accreditation that  
35 provides evidence of the library's compliance with at least

1 one level of the standards established in accordance with  
2 section 256.51, subsection 1, paragraph "k".

3 (3) Any other application or report the division deems  
4 necessary for the implementation of this program.

5 b. Participates in the library resource and information  
6 sharing programs established by the state library.

7 4. By January 15 of each year, the division shall submit a  
8 program evaluation report to the general assembly and the  
9 governor detailing the uses and the impacts of funds  
10 appropriated under this section.

11 5. Notwithstanding section 8.33, unencumbered or  
12 unobligated funds remaining on June 30 of the fiscal year for  
13 which the funds were appropriated shall not revert but shall  
14 be available for expenditure for the following fiscal year for  
15 purposes of this section.

16 EXPLANATION

17 This bill establishes the enrich Iowa program and makes a  
18 standing appropriation of \$3 million to the department of  
19 education for allocation to the division of libraries and  
20 information services for the support of the program.

21 The program has four components. The first provides direct  
22 distribution of \$1.8 million to eligible public libraries that  
23 comply with the division's in service to Iowa publication.  
24 The amount distributed to a library under the bill can be  
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26 within the library's geographic area, and the amount of  
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28 service to rural residents and to contracting communities.

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