

House Study Bill 184

Bill Text

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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 256.57 ENRICH IOWA PROGRAM -
1 2 INTENT - FUNDING.
1 3 1. The general assembly finds and declares that the public
1 4 library is at the heart of each community, an integral
1 5 component in this state's education system, and an invaluable
1 6 source of wisdom and knowledge for this state's lifelong
1 7 learners. It is therefore in the interest of the citizens of
1 8 Iowa that a comprehensive initiative be undertaken to reduce
1 9 inequities in library services throughout the state and
1 10 provide public libraries with the funds necessary to meet the
1 11 present and future needs of this state's citizens.
1 12 2. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
1 13 state to the department of education for each fiscal year the
1 14 sum of three million dollars, which shall be allocated to the
1 15 division of libraries and information services for the
1 16 following purposes and in the following amounts:
1 17 a. Of the funds allocated each year, the division shall
1 18 distribute one million eight hundred thousand dollars to
1 19 eligible public libraries that comply with the standards set
1 20 forth in the in service to Iowa: public library measures of
1 21 quality publication adopted by the commission of libraries.
1 22 The amount distributed to each eligible public library shall
1 23 be based upon one or more of the following:
1 24 (1) The level at which the eligible public library
1 25 complies with the in service to Iowa publication adopted by
1 26 the commission on libraries.
1 27 (2) The number of people residing within an eligible
1 28 library's geographic area.
1 29 (3) The amount of funding the eligible public library
1 30 received in the previous fiscal year for service to rural
1 31 residents and to contracting communities.
1 32 Moneys received by a public library under this paragraph
1 33 shall supplement, not supplant, local funding.
1 34 b. For purposes of technology development, coordination of
1 35 technology, and resource sharing by the state and regional
2 1 libraries, resulting in equitable access to library resources,
2 2 the sum of six hundred fifty thousand dollars to be used by
2 3 the division of libraries and information services. Moneys
2 4 allocated under this subsection shall also be used to extend
2 5 the availability of statewide on-line databases using the
2 6 Internet and information resources. Moneys allocated to the
2 7 division in this paragraph may be distributed to regional
2 8 libraries.
2 9 c. For purposes of establishing a grant program
2 10 administered by the division, the sum of four hundred fifty
2 11 thousand dollars. The division shall award grants on a
2 12 competitive basis to eligible public libraries that submit to
2 13 the division plans for innovative technologies and services,
2 14 cooperative alliances between public libraries, or for
2 15 physical library facilities enhancement. An application
2 16 submitted shall also contain a commitment of at least a
2 17 dollar-for-dollar match of the grant assistance. The division
2 18 shall appoint an advisory committee for purposes of
2 19 recommending priorities and criteria for the awarding of
2 20 grants under this paragraph. The advisory committee shall
2 21 submit its report and recommendations to the state librarian

2 22 and the commission of libraries by August 15, 1997.
2 23 d. For purposes of administering the enrich Iowa program,
2 24 and assisting eligible public libraries to obtain funding
2 25 under the program, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars.
2 26 3. For purposes of this section, "eligible public library"
2 27 means a public library that meets at least all of the
2 28 following requirements:
2 29 a. Submits to the division of libraries and information
2 30 services all of the following:
2 31 (1) The report provided for under section 256.51,
2 32 subsection 1, paragraph "h".
2 33 (2) An application and report form for accreditation that
2 34 provides evidence of the library's compliance with at least
2 35 one level of the standards established in accordance with
3 1 section 256.51, subsection 1, paragraph "k".
3 2 (3) Any other application or report the division deems
3 3 necessary for the implementation of this program.
3 4 b. Participates in the library resource and information
3 5 sharing programs established by the state library.
3 6 4. By January 15 of each year, the division shall submit a
3 7 program evaluation report to the general assembly and the
3 8 governor detailing the uses and the impacts of funds
3 9 appropriated under this section.
3 10 5. Notwithstanding section 8.33, unencumbered or
3 11 unobligated funds remaining on June 30 of the fiscal year for
3 12 which the funds were appropriated shall not revert but shall
3 13 be available for expenditure for the following fiscal year for
3 14 purposes on this section.

3 15 EXPLANATION

3 16 This bill establishes the enrich Iowa program and makes a
3 17 standing appropriation of \$3 million to the department of
3 18 education for allocation to the division of libraries and
3 19 information services for the support of the program.
3 20 The program has four components. The first provides direct
3 21 distribution of \$1.8 million to eligible public libraries that
3 22 comply with the division's in service to Iowa publication.
3 23 The amount distributed to a library under the bill can be
3 24 increased based upon compliance, the number of people residing
3 25 within the library's geographic area, and the amount of
3 26 funding the library received in the previous fiscal year for
3 27 service to rural residents and to contracting communities.
3 28 The second component includes an appropriation for \$600,000
3 29 for purposes of technology development, coordination of
3 30 technology, resource sharing by the state and regional
3 31 libraries, and to extend the availability of statewide on-line
3 32 databases using the Internet and information resources.
3 33 The third component establishes a grant program for public
3 34 libraries that submit to the division plans for innovative
3 35 technologies and services, cooperative alliances between
4 1 public libraries, or for physical library facilities
4 2 enhancement, and a commitment of \$1-for-\$1 match of the grant
4 3 assistance. The bill allocates \$450,000 for grant awards.
4 4 For purposes of administering the program, the bill
4 5 allocates \$100,000 to the division of libraries and
4 6 information services. Unencumbered funds appropriated in the
4 7 bill will not revert at the end of a fiscal year.
4 8 The bill directs the division to submit, by January 15 of
4 9 each year, a program evaluation report to the general assembly
4 10 and the governor detailing the use and the impact of funds
4 11 appropriated.
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