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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for expansion of the family resource center
 2 program and making an appropriation.

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

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1 Section 1. FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS. There is appropriated
2 from the general fund of the state to the department of
3 education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1998, and
4 ending June 30, 1999, the following amount, or so much thereof
5 as is necessary, to be used for the purpose designated:

6 For support of the family resource center program
7 established in chapter 256C in at least 100 school districts:
8 \$ 5,000,000

9 Sec. 2. Section 256.9, subsection 46, Code 1997, is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 46. Cooperate with the child development coordinating
12 council in establishing the family resource center
13 demonstration program. Assistance may include, but is not
14 limited to, providing or directing the area education agencies
15 to provide technical assistance to school districts in
16 establishing and maintaining the services specified in section
17 256C.3, and recommending rules for adoption by the state board
18 relating to the development of family resource centers in
19 school districts. Technical assistance shall include, but is
20 not limited to, assistance to local districts in developing an
21 appropriate financial package that will permit the districts
22 to set up and maintain a family resource center.

23 Sec. 3. Section 256A.3, subsection 11, Code 1997, is
24 amended to read as follows:

25 11. Cooperate with the department of education in
26 establishing the family resource center demonstration program.
27 Assistance shall include, but is not limited to,
28 identification of various funding sources which, in addition
29 to or in combination with state funds, can be used to support
30 the services provided in a family resource center
31 demonstration program and the development of recommended
32 approaches for obtaining and blending funds from various
33 sources.

34 Sec. 4. Section 256C.1, Code 1997, is amended to read as
35 follows:

1 256C.1 FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM
2 ESTABLISHED.

3 ~~If the general assembly appropriates moneys for the~~
4 ~~establishment of family resource centers, the~~ The department
5 of education, in conjunction with the child development
6 coordinating council, shall establish and coordinate a family
7 resource center demonstration program to provide comprehensive
8 child development and child care services, remedial
9 educational and literacy services, and supportive services to
10 parents who are ~~recipients of assistance under~~ participants in
11 the family investment program and other parents in need of
12 services. The quantity of family resource centers shall be
13 established either by law or the amount of funding
14 appropriated. The program shall provide for the establishment
15 distribution of family resource centers ~~by the school year~~
16 ~~commencing July 1, 1994, which shall be located in at least~~
17 ~~three public schools, one located in a large school district~~
18 ~~districts, one located in a medium-sized school district~~
19 ~~districts, and one located in a small school district~~
20 ~~districts.~~ The distribution method shall be based upon the
21 relative proportion of child population with special provision
22 for districts with a high proportion of low-income families
23 with children. For purposes of this section a large school
24 district is a district with an actual enrollment of five
25 thousand or more pupils; a medium-sized school district is a
26 district with an actual enrollment that is greater than one
27 thousand one hundred ninety-nine pupils, but less than five
28 thousand pupils; and a small school district is a district
29 with an actual enrollment of one thousand one hundred ninety-
30 nine or fewer pupils.

31 Sec. 5. Section 256C.2, unnumbered paragraph 2, Code 1997,
32 is amended to read as follows:

33 A district applying for a grant under this section shall
34 agree, for each dollar of grant funds, to provide twenty cents
35 in matching cash or in-kind resources. Grants may be awarded

1 for four-years, ~~beginning July 1, 1994, and ending June 30,~~
2 1998 four-year periods. Up to ten percent of the moneys
3 appropriated for the grant program may be used by the council
4 for staffing, technical assistance, and external evaluation
5 development. Notwithstanding section 8.33, unencumbered or
6 unobligated funds remaining on June 30 of the fiscal year for
7 which the funds were appropriated shall not revert but shall
8 be available for expenditure for the following fiscal year for
9 the purposes of this section.

10 Sec. 6. Section 256C.3, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1997,
11 is amended to read as follows:

12 Each family resource center shall address and offer all of
13 the following, ~~and by July 1, 1997, shall offer all of the~~
14 following:

15 Sec. 7. Section 256C.3, subsection 4, Code 1997, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 4. Support and educational services to parents whose
18 children are participants in the child care services portion
19 of the family resource center ~~demonstration~~ program and who
20 are interested in obtaining a high school diploma or a high
21 school equivalency diploma under chapter 259A. Parents and
22 their preschool age children may attend classes in parenting
23 and child learning skills together so as to promote the mutual
24 pursuit of education and to enhance interaction between parent
25 and child.

26 EXPLANATION

27 This bill provides for expansion of the family resource
28 center program. This program is directed to families
29 participating in the family investment program and other
30 parents in need of services. The bill appropriates \$5,000,000
31 to the department of education for FY 1998-1999 to fund 100
32 centers. Under Code section 256C.2 unobligated or unexpended
33 moneys remaining at the close of the fiscal year do not revert
34 but remain available for expenditure in the succeeding fiscal
35 year.

1 The bill amends Code section 256C.1 which created family
2 resource centers as a demonstration project in a large,
3 medium, and small school district. The bill removes that
4 limit and provides the centers are to be distributed based
5 upon child population with special provision made for
6 districts with a high proportion of low-income families with
7 children.

8 Code section 256C.2 is amended to eliminate a reference to
9 a particular four-year period.

10 Code section 256C.3 is amended to remove a reference to a
11 particular date and to strike the word "demonstration" from
12 the term "family resource center demonstration program". Code
13 section 256.9 and 256A.3 are also amended to eliminate the
14 word "demonstration" from that term.

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