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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to advanced placement award programs and  
2 providing for appropriations.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 256.24 ADVANCED PLACEMENT  
2 INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM.

3 1. The department of education shall develop and  
4 administer an advanced placement incentive grant program to  
5 provide for the allocation of grant moneys to public and  
6 nonpublic high schools as follows:

7 a. A public high school is eligible for a grant of not  
8 more than three thousand dollars if the proportion of students  
9 enrolled in the high school who achieve advanced placement  
10 scholar status is equal to or greater than the national  
11 proportion of students enrolled in high schools who achieve  
12 advanced placement scholar status.

13 b. A public high school is eligible for a grant of not  
14 more than six thousand dollars if the proportion of students  
15 enrolled in the high school who achieve advanced placement  
16 scholar honors status is equal to or greater than the national  
17 proportion of students enrolled in high schools who achieve  
18 advanced placement scholar honors status.

19 c. A public high school is eligible for a grant of not  
20 more than nine thousand dollars if the proportion of students  
21 enrolled in the high school who achieve advanced placement  
22 scholar with distinction status is equal to or greater than  
23 the national proportion of students enrolled in high schools  
24 who achieve advanced placement scholar with distinction  
25 status.

26 d. A public or accredited nonpublic high school is  
27 eligible for a grant of not more than one thousand dollars for  
28 the purpose of creating teacher in-service programs that lead  
29 to the development and implementation of advanced placement  
30 courses and standards within the high school.

31 2. Grant moneys received in accordance with this section  
32 shall be used for purposes of acquiring or maintaining  
33 materials and technology for use by advanced placement  
34 courses.

35 3. The board of directors of the school district and the

1 authorities in charge of an accredited nonpublic school may  
2 apply to the department on behalf of a high school that meets  
3 the requirements of subsection 1, on forms provided by the  
4 department, to receive a grant under this program. The  
5 department shall review the application and award grants to  
6 high schools that meet the requirements of subsection 1 by  
7 July 1 of each year for the previous school year.

8 4. Moneys received under this section shall not be  
9 commingled with state aid payments made under section 257.16  
10 to a school district and shall be accounted for by the local  
11 school district separately from state aid payments.

12 5. Payments made to school districts under this section  
13 are miscellaneous income for purposes of chapter 257 or are  
14 considered encumbered. Each local school district shall  
15 maintain a separate listing within its accounting records for  
16 payments received and expenditures made pursuant to this  
17 section.

18 6. For purposes of this section and section 261.20A,  
19 "advanced placement" means a college-level course offered by a  
20 high school using curriculum provided by the college entrance  
21 examination board and "college board advanced placement  
22 examination" means an examination provided by the college  
23 entrance examination board. The examinations are administered  
24 by high schools to students participating in advanced  
25 placement classes and the examination grades are rated on a  
26 scale provided by the college board.

27 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 261.20A IOWA ADVANCED PLACEMENT  
28 SCHOLARSHIPS.

29 1. The college student aid commission shall develop and  
30 administer an Iowa advanced placement scholarship program for  
31 Iowa resident students who successfully complete a minimum of  
32 three college board advanced placement examinations during the  
33 period specified by the commission. The program shall include  
34 the following four scholarship levels:

35 a. The advanced placement scholar award to be awarded to

1 each student who completes a minimum of three college board  
2 advanced placement examinations with a score of three point  
3 zero or greater based upon criteria of the college entrance  
4 examination board. A scholarship awarded under this paragraph  
5 shall provide assistance to a full-time student for not more  
6 than two semesters, or if attending as a part-time student,  
7 not more than four semesters of undergraduate study, or the  
8 trimester or quarter equivalent.

9 b. The advanced placement scholar with honors award to be  
10 awarded to each student who completes a minimum of four  
11 college board advanced placement examinations with a score of  
12 three point zero or greater on each examination based upon  
13 criteria of the college entrance examination board and who has  
14 an average examination grade of three point twenty-five or  
15 greater based upon criteria of the college entrance  
16 examination board. A scholarship awarded under this paragraph  
17 shall provide assistance to a full-time student for not more  
18 than four semesters, or if attending as a part-time student,  
19 not more than eight semesters of undergraduate study, or the  
20 trimester or quarter equivalent.

21 c. The advanced placement scholar with honors award to be  
22 awarded to each student who completes a minimum of five  
23 college board advanced placement examinations with a score of  
24 three point zero or greater on each based upon criteria of the  
25 college entrance examination board and who has an average exam  
26 grade of at least three point five based upon criteria of the  
27 college entrance examination board. A scholarship awarded  
28 under this paragraph shall provide assistance to a full-time  
29 student for not more than six semesters, or if attending as a  
30 part-time student, not more than twelve semesters of  
31 undergraduate study, or the trimester or quarter equivalent.

32 d. The advanced placement scholar with honors award to be  
33 awarded to each student who completes a minimum of eight  
34 college board advanced placement examinations with a score of  
35 four point zero or greater on each examination based upon

1 criteria of the college entrance examination board. A  
2 scholarship awarded under this paragraph shall provide  
3 assistance to a full-time student for not more than eight  
4 semesters, or if attending as a part-time student, not more  
5 than sixteen semesters of undergraduate study, or the  
6 trimester or quarter equivalent.

7 2. An applicant for an Iowa advanced placement scholarship  
8 must meet the following initial requirements:

9 a. Complete and file an application determined by the  
10 commission for a tuition grant.

11 b. Report promptly to the commission any information  
12 requested.

13 c. Complete requirements for the high school diploma or  
14 its equivalent by the end of the summer preceding entrance  
15 into college.

16 d. Plan to enroll as a full-time freshman student at an  
17 accredited private institution as defined in section 261.9,  
18 subsection 1, community college as defined in section 260C.2,  
19 or institution of higher learning under the control of the  
20 state board of regents.

21 3. a. The amount of a scholarship to a qualified full-  
22 time student for the fall and spring semesters, or the  
23 trimester equivalent, shall be the amount of the student's  
24 financial need for that period. However, if a student elects  
25 to attend an accredited private institution under this  
26 section, the amount of a scholarship under this subsection  
27 shall not exceed the resident tuition rate established for  
28 institutions of higher learning under the control of the state  
29 board of regents.

30 b. The amount of a scholarship to a qualified full-time  
31 student for the summer semester or trimester equivalent shall  
32 be one-half the amount of the scholarship the student receives  
33 under paragraph "a".

34 c. The amount of a scholarship to a qualified part-time  
35 student enrolled in a course of study including at least three

1 semester hours but fewer than twelve semester hours for the  
2 fall, spring, and summer semesters, or the trimester or  
3 quarter equivalent, shall be equal to the amount of a  
4 scholarship that would be paid to a full-time student times a  
5 number which represents the number of hours in which the part-  
6 time student is actually enrolled divided by twelve semester  
7 hours, or the trimester or quarter equivalent.

8 4. There is appropriated from the general fund of the  
9 state to the college student aid commission for each fiscal  
10 year an amount sufficient to pay for scholarships awarded to  
11 students who qualify under this section.

12 5. The college student aid commission shall adopt rules  
13 pursuant to chapter 17A to administer this section.

14 6. For purposes of this section and section 261.20A,  
15 "advanced placement" means a college-level course offered by a  
16 high school using curriculum provided by the college entrance  
17 examination board and "college board advanced placement  
18 examination" means an examination provided by the college  
19 entrance examination board. The examinations are administered  
20 by high schools to students participating in advanced  
21 placement classes and the examination grades are rated on a  
22 scale provided by the college board.

23 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 261.44A ADVANCED PLACEMENT TEACHER  
24 TRAINING REIMBURSEMENT PAYMENTS.

25 An individual is eligible for reimbursement payments under  
26 the guaranteed loan payment program if the individual meets  
27 all of the following conditions:

28 1. is a teacher employed on a full-time basis under  
29 sections 279.13 through 279.19 in a school district in this  
30 state, is a teacher in an accredited nonpublic school in this  
31 state, or is a licensed teacher at the Iowa braille and sight  
32 saving school or the Iowa school for the deaf.

33 2. As of the beginning of a school year, has an  
34 outstanding debt with an eligible lender under the Iowa  
35 guaranteed loan program or has parents with an outstanding

1 debt with an eligible lender under the PLUS loan program.

2 3. Has never defaulted on a loan guaranteed by the  
3 commission or by the federal government.

4 4. Teaches advanced placement courses using a curriculum  
5 established by the college entrance examination board at the  
6 high school level.

7 5. The maximum annual reimbursement payment to an eligible  
8 teacher for loan repayments made during a school year is the  
9 amount necessary to pay not more than the tuition charged for  
10 an advanced placement training institute or an advanced  
11 placement program of coursework offered by a community college  
12 in this state, an institution under the control of the state  
13 board of regents, or an accredited private institution as  
14 defined in section 261.9, subsection 1. However, payments  
15 made under this section shall not exceed the resident tuition  
16 rate for a regents university.

17 6. The commission may sign contracts with eligible  
18 students at or after the time of loan origination to assure  
19 loan repayment.

20 EXPLANATION

21 This bill creates an advanced placement incentive grant  
22 program for public high schools with a certain percentage of  
23 advanced placement scholars, and for public and accredited  
24 nonpublic high schools for the creation of teacher in-service  
25 programs which develop and implement advanced placement  
26 courses and standards within the high school. The bill also  
27 creates an Iowa advanced placement scholarship program for  
28 students who reach various levels as advanced placement  
29 scholars. Lastly, the bill provides that a person is eligible  
30 for reimbursement payments under the guaranteed loan payment  
31 program if that person is a teacher who attended an advanced  
32 placement training institute or an accredited posthigh school  
33 advanced placement program.

34 The department of education is charged with the  
35 responsibility of developing and administering the advanced

1 placement incentive grant program for the allocation of grant  
2 moneys to public and nonpublic high schools. All public and  
3 accredited nonpublic high schools are eligible for a grant of  
4 not more than \$1,000 for the creation of teacher in-service  
5 programs that develop and implement advanced placement courses  
6 and standards within the high school. A public high school is  
7 eligible for a grant of \$3,000, \$6,000, or \$9,000, if the  
8 proportion of students enrolled in the high school who achieve  
9 the respective status of advanced placement scholar, scholar  
10 honors, or scholar with distinction, as determined by the  
11 college entrance examination board, is equal to or greater  
12 than the national proportion of students who achieve the  
13 respective status level. Advanced placement incentive grant  
14 program grant moneys shall be expended for purposes of  
15 acquiring or maintaining materials and technology for use by  
16 advanced placement courses.

17 The college student aid commission is responsible for  
18 developing and administering an Iowa advanced placement  
19 scholarship program for Iowa resident students who  
20 successfully complete a minimum of three college board  
21 advanced placement examinations during the period specified by  
22 the commission. The scholarships are awarded for one, two,  
23 three, or four years, depending upon the score a student  
24 achieves on a minimum level of college board advanced  
25 placement examinations.

26 A scholarship applicant must plan to enroll as a full-time  
27 freshman student at an accredited private institution located  
28 in Iowa or a state posthigh school institution. The amount of  
29 a scholarship to a qualified student shall be the amount of  
30 the student's financial need, but shall not exceed the  
31 resident tuition rate established for institutions of higher  
32 learning under the control of the state board of regents.

33 The bill provides a standing appropriation to the college  
34 student aid commission of an amount sufficient for each fiscal  
35 year to pay for scholarship awards to students who qualify

1 under this section.

2 The bill provides that a full-time teacher who teaches  
3 advanced placement courses at the high school level is  
4 eligible for reimbursement payments under the guaranteed loan  
5 payment program if the teacher has an outstanding debt with an  
6 eligible lender under the Iowa guaranteed loan program or has  
7 parents with an outstanding debt with an eligible lender under  
8 the PLUS loan program, and has never defaulted on a loan  
9 guaranteed by the commission or by the federal government.  
10 The maximum annual reimbursement payment to an eligible  
11 teacher is the amount necessary to pay not more than the  
12 tuition charged for an advanced placement training institute  
13 or an advanced placement program of coursework offered by an  
14 accredited posthigh school institution in this state.  
15 However, payments shall not exceed the resident tuition rate  
16 for a regents university.

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