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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a community college tuition credit program.

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

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 260C.18C TUITION CREDIT.

2 For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1997, and for each
3 succeeding fiscal year, there shall be established by the
4 board of directors of each community college a community
5 college tuition credit program, as follows:

6 1. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1997, and each
7 subsequent year the board of directors of each community
8 college shall, based upon the tuition rate per semester
9 calculated for the school year beginning July 1, 1996,
10 pursuant to section 260C.14, reduce the tuition rate to be
11 charged for the school year by twenty-five percent of the rate
12 per semester for the school year beginning July 1, 1996.

13 2. The board shall annually report to the department of
14 management a tuition credit per pupil amount, based upon the
15 twenty-five percent tuition reduction and the full-time
16 equivalent enrollment of the community college.

17 3. The department of management shall provide a
18 reimbursement to the board for the amount of the tuition
19 credit per pupil multiplied by the community college
20 enrollment on an annual basis. Notwithstanding the allocation
21 of moneys in section 260C.18A, the reimbursement shall be
22 allocated from moneys appropriated by the general assembly
23 from the general fund of the state to the department of
24 education for community college purposes for general state
25 financial aid.

26 4. The provisions of section 260C.14, subsection 2,
27 concerning local school district payments for a resident pupil
28 of high school age under chapter 261C and tuition charged for
29 nonresidents of the state are included under the tuition
30 credit program.

31 The state board for community colleges and the department
32 of management shall establish procedures by rule to carry out
33 the provisions of this section.

34 EXPLANATION

35 This bill provides that a tuition credit shall be applied

1 to tuition levels for community colleges for the school year
2 beginning July 1, 1997, and subsequent years. The credit
3 shall be calculated based on 25 percent of the tuition level
4 for the school year beginning July 1, 1996. The board of each
5 community college shall annually report the tuition credit per
6 pupil amount to the department of management and receive
7 reimbursement from the department of management for the amount
8 reported. The reimbursement shall be allocated from general
9 fund appropriations to the department of education for
10 community college purposes for general state financial aid
11 pursuant to Code section 260C.18A. The bill provides that the
12 provisions of Code section 260C.14, subsection 2, regarding
13 local school district payments for a resident pupil of high
14 school age and nonresident tuition are included under the
15 tuition credit program. The bill further provides that the
16 state board for community colleges and the department of
17 management shall establish procedures by rule to carry out the
18 provisions of the bill.

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