

SENATE FILE 91
BY JUDGE

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to and making an appropriation to the Iowa
2 department of public health for the center for rural health
3 and primary care to enhance the community grant fund and
4 expand the primary care loan repayment and community
5 scholarship program.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 135.107, subsection 3, paragraph a,
2 Code 1997, is amended by adding the following new unnumbered
3 paragraph:

4 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. One hundred thousand dollars is
5 appropriated annually to the Iowa department of public health
6 from the general fund of the state for an expanded community
7 health enhancement program to fund projects demonstrating a
8 high degree of innovation or need in achieving a major
9 expansion of a region's primary care network or capacity.
10 Notwithstanding subparagraphs (1) and (2), funds received
11 pursuant to this paragraph shall be unrestricted in amount,
12 but shall not be awarded to a community with a population of
13 greater than ten thousand located within a region. Projects
14 for which grants may be awarded include, but are not limited
15 to, renovations of hospitals and clinics, the purchase of
16 major medical equipment, expansion of a provider network, or
17 the provision or expansion of medical services. Grants for
18 this enhancement program shall not be awarded in the same
19 fiscal year to a community or region which is receiving a
20 primary care recruitment and retention endeavor community
21 grant award pursuant to subparagraphs (1) and (2) for that
22 fiscal year.

23 Sec. 2. CENTER FOR RURAL HEALTH AND PRIMARY CARE. There
24 is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the Iowa
25 department of public health for the center for rural health
26 and primary care for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1997,
27 and ending June 30, 1998, the following amount, or so much
28 thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purpose
29 designated:

30 For the primary care recruitment and retention endeavor:
31 \$ 265,000

32 Funds appropriated in this section shall expand the
33 existing community grant fund and the primary care loan
34 repayment and community scholarship program to the governor's
35 designated shortage areas and rural federally designated,

1 medically underserved areas, as established in section
2 135.107. Funds appropriated in this section for an expanded
3 community health enhancement program, when added to any other
4 appropriation by the general assembly, shall not exceed a
5 combined total of \$100,000.

6 EXPLANATION

7 This bill makes an appropriation of \$265,000 for the fiscal
8 year beginning July 1, 1997, and ending June 30, 1998, to the
9 Iowa department of public health for the center for rural
10 health and primary care. The funds are to be utilized to
11 expand the community grant fund and the primary care loan
12 repayment and community scholarship program to designated
13 shortage and medically underserved areas, established in Code
14 section 135.107. Of this amount, a standing appropriation of
15 \$100,000 shall be allocated to expand the community health
16 enhancement project to fund projects demonstrating a high
17 degree of innovation or need in a major expansion of a
18 region's primary care network or capacity.

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