

# Senate Study Bill 208

## 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 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 and for whom the library was  
1 29 established.  
1 30 (3) The amount of funding the eligible public library  
1 31 received in the previous fiscal year for service to rural  
1 32 residents and to contracting communities.  
1 33 Moneys received by a public library under this paragraph  
1 34 shall supplement, not supplant, local funding.  
1 35 b. For purposes of technology development, coordination of  
2 1 technology, and resource sharing by the state and regional  
2 2 libraries, resulting in equitable access to library resources,  
2 3 the sum of six hundred fifty thousand dollars to be used by  
2 4 the division of libraries and information services. Moneys  
2 5 allocated under this subsection shall also be used to extend  
2 6 the availability of statewide on-line databases using the  
2 7 Internet and information resources. Moneys allocated to the  
2 8 division in this paragraph may be distributed to regional  
2 9 libraries.  
2 10 c. For purposes of establishing a grant program  
2 11 administered by the division, the sum of four hundred fifty  
2 12 thousand dollars. The division shall award grants on a  
2 13 competitive basis to eligible public libraries that submit to  
2 14 the division plans for innovative technologies and services,  
2 15 cooperative alliances between libraries, or for physical  
2 16 library facilities enhancement. An application submitted  
2 17 shall also contain a commitment of at least a dollar-for-  
2 18 dollar match of the grant assistance. The division shall  
2 19 appoint an advisory committee for purposes of recommending  
2 20 priorities and criteria for the awarding of grants under this  
2 21 paragraph. The advisory committee shall submit its report and

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

#### 3 16 EXPLANATION

3 17 This bill establishes the enrich Iowa program and makes a  
3 18 standing appropriation of \$3 million to the department of  
3 19 education for allocation to the division of libraries and  
3 20 information services for the support of the program.  
3 21 The program has four components. The first provides direct  
3 22 distribution of \$1.8 million to eligible public libraries that  
3 23 comply with the division's in service to Iowa publication.  
3 24 The amount distributed to a library under the bill can be  
3 25 increased based upon compliance, the number of people residing  
3 26 within the library's geographic area, and the amount of  
3 27 funding the library received in the previous fiscal year for  
3 28 service to rural residents and to contracting communities.  
3 29 The second component includes an appropriation for \$600,000  
3 30 for purposes of technology development, coordination of  
3 31 technology, resource sharing by the state and regional  
3 32 libraries, and to extend the availability of statewide on-line  
3 33 databases using the Internet and information resources.  
3 34 The third component establishes a grant program for public  
3 35 libraries that submit to the division plans for innovative  
4 1 technologies and services, cooperative alliances between  
4 2 libraries, or for physical library facilities enhancement, and  
4 3 a commitment of \$1-for-\$1 match of the grant assistance. The  
4 4 bill allocates \$450,000 for grant awards.  
4 5 For purposes of administering the program, the bill  
4 6 allocates \$100,000 to the division of libraries and  
4 7 information services. Unencumbered funds appropriated in the  
4 8 bill will not revert at the end of a fiscal year.  
4 9 The bill directs the division to submit, by January 15 of  
4 10 each year, a program evaluation report to the general assembly  
4 11 and the governor detailing the use and the impact of funds  
4 12 appropriated.  
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