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APPROPRIATIONS

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act creating an agricultural education collaboration and
2 enhancement support services program, and making an
3 appropriation.

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

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 266.39F AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION
2 COLLABORATION AND ENHANCEMENT SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAM
3 (ACCESS).

4 1. As used in this section:

5 a. "ACCESS program" means the agricultural education
6 collaboration and enhancement support services program as
7 created in this section.

8 b. "ACCESS program partner" means all of the following:

9 (1) Iowa state university of science and technology,
10 including the department within the university responsible for
11 agricultural education and studies, the college of
12 agriculture, and Iowa cooperative extension service in
13 agriculture and home economics.

14 (2) The department of education, established pursuant to
15 section 256.1, under the direction of the state education
16 board established pursuant to section 256.3.

17 (3) The council for agricultural education, established
18 pursuant to section 256.32.

19 (4) The department of economic development, created
20 pursuant to section 15.105.

21 (5) The department of agriculture and land stewardship,
22 created pursuant to section 159.2.

23 c. "Agricultural educator" means a person engaged in
24 providing a course of study related to agriculture at an
25 educational institution as defined in section 455B.161.

26 d. "Agricultural organization" means an organization or
27 association involved in promoting agricultural education,
28 including but not limited to the future farmers of America and
29 4-H.

30 2. An agricultural education collaboration and enhancement
31 support services program is created within Iowa state
32 university of science and technology to be administered by the
33 university in cooperation with the department of education.
34 Other ACCESS program partners shall assist the university and
35 the department in carrying out the purpose of the program as

1 provided in this section.

2 3. The purpose of the ACESS program is to enhance
3 agricultural education in this state from kindergarten to
4 postsecondary education, including education for persons
5 seeking careers in agriculture and as agricultural educators.
6 The ACESS program shall provide related on-site assistance and
7 support services. Areas of focus shall include but are not
8 limited to all of the following:

9 a. Evaluating and improving agricultural programs
10 education, including curriculums and resource materials.

11 b. Improving the recruitment and retention of agricultural
12 educators.

13 c. Developing coordination between agricultural education
14 programs and collaboration between agricultural education
15 institutions and agricultural organizations.

16 4. Iowa state university of science and technology, in
17 consultation with the ACESS partners, may do all of the
18 following:

19 a. Appoint persons necessary in order to administer the
20 ACESS program.

21 b. Establish regions within the state and assign
22 specialists to the regions in order to better provide on-site
23 services.

24 5. Persons representing the ACESS partners shall regularly
25 meet to discuss methods to carry out the purpose of this
26 section.

27 6. Iowa state university of science and technology shall
28 submit a report to the governor and general assembly on or
29 before January 10 of each year summarizing activities of the
30 ACESS partners in carrying out the purpose of this section,
31 the results of the program, and recommendations to improve its
32 administration.

33 Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION -- ACESS PROGRAM. There is
34 appropriated from the general fund of the state to the state
35 board of regents for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000,

1 and ending June 30, 2001, the following amount, or so much
2 thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
3 designated:

4 For purposes of supporting the agricultural education
5 collaboration and enhancement support services program at Iowa
6 state university of science and technology as created in
7 section 266.39F, including salaries, support, maintenance,
8 miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the following
9 full-time equivalent positions:

10	\$	490,000
11	FTEs	4.00

12 Of the moneys appropriated in this section, the university
13 shall allocate moneys to support an administrator, provide for
14 secretarial and technology services support, and provide for
15 three agricultural education support service specialists to
16 serve regions of the state as provided in section 266.39F.

17 EXPLANATION

18 This bill establishes an agricultural education
19 collaboration and enhancement support services program
20 (referred to as the "ACCESS program"). The program is
21 administered by Iowa state university of science and
22 technology in cooperation with the department of education and
23 other ACCESS program partners, including the council for
24 agricultural education, the department of economic
25 development, and the department of agriculture and land
26 stewardship.

27 The bill provides that the purpose of the program is to
28 enhance agricultural education in this state from kindergarten
29 to degree schooling, including education for persons seeking
30 careers in agriculture and as agricultural educators. The
31 ACCESS program is designed to provide related on-site
32 assistance and support services, including evaluating and
33 improving agricultural education programs, improving the
34 recruitment and retention of agricultural educators, and
35 developing coordination between agricultural education

1 programs and collaboration between agricultural education
2 institutions and agricultural organizations.

3 The bill provides for administration of the ACCESS program,
4 meetings of persons representing the ACCESS partners, and
5 reporting requirements.

6 The bill appropriates \$490,000 through the state board of
7 regents to the Iowa state university of science and technology
8 for purposes of supporting the ACCESS program, including
9 salaries, support, maintenance, miscellaneous purposes, and
10 for not more than four full-time equivalent positions.

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