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APPROPRIATIONS

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act making an appropriation for grants for independent living
2 centers for persons with disabilities.

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

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1 Section 1. DIVISION OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION --
 2 CENTERS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING. There is appropriated from
 3 the general fund of the state to the department of education
 4 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June
 5 30, 2000, the following amount, or so much thereof as is
 6 necessary, to be used for the purpose designated:

7 For grants administered by the division of vocational
 8 rehabilitation, in accordance with the provisions of this
 9 section:

10 \$ 1,000,000

11 1. The general assembly finds that independent living
 12 centers enable persons with disabilities to access independent
 13 living skills training, peer counseling, information and
 14 referral services, and individual and system advocacy
 15 activities, and that access to these resources is essential
 16 for persons with disabilities to realize their rights and
 17 responsibilities as citizens.

18 2. The moneys appropriated in this Act are allocated as
 19 follows:

20 a. Seventy percent for grants to existing centers for
 21 independent living.

22 b. Twenty percent for grants to establish new centers for
 23 independent living.

24 c. Ten percent for use by the statewide independent living
 25 council for identifying and studying communities that are not
 26 served by a center for independent living.

27 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in this
 28 Act which remain unexpended or unobligated at the close of the
 29 fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available in the
 30 succeeding fiscal year and shall be used only for the purposes
 31 designated in paragraphs "b" and "c".

32 3. The division of vocational rehabilitation shall
 33 distribute the moneys appropriated in this section for grants
 34 to independent living centers in accordance with a plan
 35 developed in consultation with the state association of

1 independent living. Grants shall be limited to independent
2 living centers located or for proposed independent living
3 centers to be located in this state which receive or are
4 eligible to receive a federal grant to centers for independent
5 living under 29 U.S.C. § 796f et seq. Moneys granted under
6 this section shall be used in accordance with federal
7 requirements for centers for independent living. A grantee
8 providing independent living services in this and another
9 state shall utilize moneys granted under this section only for
10 assistance provided to residents of this state.

11 4. The division shall establish reporting requirements and
12 other requirements deemed necessary by the division to ensure
13 that the moneys granted under this section are used
14 appropriately in accordance with federal requirements for
15 centers for independent living.

16 5. The statewide independent living council shall identify
17 communities that are not served by an independent living
18 center by use of surveys, focus groups, or other means deemed
19 appropriate by the council. The council shall submit a report
20 the governor and the general assembly by January 31, 2000.
21 The report shall include findings, a listing of identified
22 communities that are interested in the establishment of a
23 center for independent living, and corresponding cost
24 projections.

25 6. The statewide independent living council shall revise
26 the state plan for independent living as necessary to reflect
27 any changes needed as a result of enactment of this Act.

28 EXPLANATION

29 This bill relates to and makes an appropriation to the
30 department of education for funding of centers for independent
31 living for persons with disabilities.

32 The appropriation is allocated for grants to existing
33 centers, for grants to establish new centers, and for a study
34 to identify communities not being served by a center.

35 The appropriation is to be administered by the department's

1 division of vocational rehabilitation. The grant funding is
2 to be administered in accordance with a plan developed in
3 consultation with the state association of independent living.

4 Definitions and other requirements for centers for
5 independent living are established in federal law. The
6 requirements include nonprofit status, a focus on serving
7 persons with severe disabilities, control of the center by
8 persons with disabilities, provision of certain core services,
9 an emphasis on community-based, nonresidential services, and
10 provision for equal access to services.

11 The statewide independent living council, an entity created
12 in accordance with federal law, is to use part of the
13 appropriated funding in identifying and studying communities
14 that do not have a center for independent living. The report
15 of the study is to be submitted to the governor and the
16 general assembly by January 31, 2000. The council is to
17 revise the state plan for independent living to reflect any
18 changes needed as result of the bill's enactment.

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