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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the recruitment of North American free trade
2 agreement representatives and providing an appropriation.

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

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1 Section 1. TRADE REPRESENTATIVES. In an effort to develop
2 trade between Iowa and the North American free trade agreement
3 countries of Canada and Mexico, the department of economic
4 development shall contact both governments to explore the
5 possibility of both countries assigning a trade representative
6 to be located in Iowa. The department shall use moneys
7 appropriated in section 2 of this Act to offset costs incurred
8 by the department to assist Canada and Mexico in locating
9 trade representatives in Iowa.

10 Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated from the
11 general fund of the state to the department of economic
12 development for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999, and
13 ending June 30, 2000, the following amount, or so much thereof
14 as is necessary, to be used for the purpose designated:

15 For offsetting costs incurred by the department to assist
16 Canada and Mexico in locating trade representatives in Iowa:
17 \$ 100,000

18 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in this
19 section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close
20 of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available
21 for expenditure for the purpose designated until the close of
22 the succeeding fiscal year.

23 EXPLANATION

24 This bill requires the department of economic development
25 to contact the governments of Canada and Mexico to explore the
26 possibility of both countries assigning a trade representative
27 to be located in Iowa. The bill appropriates \$100,000 from
28 the general fund of the state to the department for purposes
29 of offsetting costs incurred by the department in assisting
30 Canada and Mexico in locating trade representatives in Iowa.

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