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HUMAN RESOURCES

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a competitive grant program for public health
2 nursing and making an appropriation.

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

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1 Section 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of
 2 the state to the Iowa department of public health for the
 3 fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2000,
 4 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to
 5 be used for the purpose designated:

6 For a competitive grant program for public health nursing:
 7 \$ 500,000

8 The funds appropriated shall be utilized by the department
 9 to establish a competitive grant program to increase the
 10 availability of public health nurses throughout the state, and
 11 shall be in addition to those funds allocated pursuant to
 12 existing contracts entered into between the department and the
 13 local boards of health and boards of supervisors.

14 A county may submit an application to the department for a
 15 grant to expand the county's existing public health nursing
 16 program by October 1, 1999, on application forms to be
 17 developed by the department. Grant award criteria shall
 18 include the extent to which existing allocations to the county
 19 have successfully been utilized to maintain and expand the
 20 public health nursing program for elderly and low-income
 21 persons, the proportion of elderly and low-income persons
 22 living in the county in relation to the total number of
 23 elderly and low-income persons living in the state, and
 24 proposals submitted by the county for expanding existing
 25 services and programs to meet the particular needs of the
 26 elderly and low-income persons residing within the county. A
 27 county receiving a grant award may utilize the funds to expand
 28 existing subcontracts with a nonprofit nurses' association,
 29 independent nonprofit agency, or other entity to provide
 30 public health nursing care, or for new programs and services
 31 as proposed in the grant application.

32 The department shall submit a report to the general
 33 assembly by January 1, 2001, regarding the effectiveness of
 34 the competitive grant program in expanding public health
 35 nursing care, and containing recommendations regarding future

1 utilization or expansion of the program.

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EXPLANATION

3 This bill provides for the establishment of a competitive
4 grant program for public health nursing by the Iowa department
5 of public health, utilizing an appropriation of \$500,000 for
6 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30,
7 2000. The bill provides that the purpose of the program shall
8 be to increase the availability of public health nurses
9 throughout the state, and that grants shall be in addition to
10 existing allocations pursuant to contracts entered into
11 between the department and the local boards of health and
12 boards of supervisors. The bill provides that a county may
13 submit an application to the department for a grant to expand
14 the county's existing public health nursing program by October
15 1, 1999. Grant award criteria shall include the extent to
16 which existing allocations to the county have succeeded in
17 maintaining and expanding the public health nursing program
18 for elderly and low-income persons, the proportion of elderly
19 and low-income persons living in the county in relation to the
20 total number of elderly and low-income persons living in the
21 state, and the proposals submitted by the county for expanding
22 existing services and programs to meet the particular needs of
23 the elderly and low-income persons. A county receiving an
24 award may utilize the funds to expand existing subcontracts
25 with a nonprofit nurses' association, independent nonprofit
26 agency, or other entity to provide public health nursing care,
27 or for new programs and services as proposed in the grant
28 application.

29 The bill provides that the department shall submit a report
30 to the general assembly regarding the effectiveness of the
31 program by January 1, 2001.

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