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EDUCATION

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the extended school year grant program,
2 providing for innovative education program grants, making an
3 appropriation, and providing emergency rulemaking authority.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. There is appropriated
2 from the general fund of the state to the department of
3 education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999, and
4 ending June 30, 2000, the following amounts, or so much
5 thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
6 designated:

7 1. For extended school year grants as provided in section
8 256.22:

9 \$ 1,000,000

10 2. For innovative educational program grants as provided
11 in section 256.22A:

12 \$ 500,000

13 Sec. 2. Section 256.22, subsections 2 and 3, Code 1999,
14 are amended to read as follows:

15 2. Grant moneys shall be distributed to qualifying school
16 districts by the department ~~no-later-than~~ on or about October
17 ~~15-1998~~ of the fiscal year in which the appropriation is
18 made. Grant amounts shall be distributed as determined by the
19 department.

20 3. By February ~~15-1999~~, a school district or
21 collaboration of districts receiving moneys under this section
22 shall submit an interim report to the department describing
23 the planning activities conducted by the school district or
24 the collaboration and providing preliminary conclusions. The
25 school district or collaboration shall submit a final report
26 by June ~~17-1999~~ to the department. The department shall
27 summarize the school district reports in a final report to the
28 chairpersons and ranking members of the house and senate
29 standing education committees by January ~~17-2000~~ of the
30 following fiscal year.

31 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 256.22A INNOVATIVE EDUCATIONAL
32 PROGRAM GRANTS.

33 1. The department of education shall administer and
34 approve grants to school districts for new, innovative
35 educational programs, with the funds appropriated by the

1 general assembly for purposes of innovative educational
2 program grants. Grant moneys shall be allocated on a
3 competitive basis to school districts that submit to the
4 department a plan for a new, innovative educational program.
5 Grants shall be equitably distributed to large, medium-sized,
6 and small school districts. For purposes of this section, a
7 large school district is a district with an actual enrollment
8 of five thousand or more pupils; a medium-sized school
9 district is a district with an actual enrollment of two
10 thousand or more pupils, but less than five thousand pupils;
11 and a small school district is a district with an actual
12 enrollment of less than two thousand pupils.

13 | 2. Grant moneys shall be distributed to qualifying school
14 districts by the department on or about October 15 of the
15 fiscal year in which the appropriation is made. Grant amounts
16 shall be distributed as determined by the department.

17 | 3. A school district receiving moneys under this section
18 shall submit with the report to the department required under
19 section 256.7, subsection 21, paragraph "c", a report
20 describing the impact the new, innovative educational program
21 funded under this section had on the school district's
22 progress in attaining student achievement goals on the
23 academic and other core indicators and on districtwide
24 progress made in attaining locally established student
25 learning goals. The department shall summarize annually the
26 school district reports and submit the summary and any
27 recommendations regarding the grants and programs to the
28 chairpersons and ranking members of the house and senate
29 standing education committees by January 1 of the school year
30 succeeding the fiscal year in which the appropriation is made.

31 | 4. Notwithstanding section 8.33, unencumbered or
32 unobligated funds remaining on June 30 of the fiscal year for
33 which the funds were appropriated shall not revert but shall
34 be available for expenditure for the following fiscal year for
35 purposes of this section.

1 Sec. 4. FISCAL YEAR 1999-2000 EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR GRANT
2 MONEYS. Notwithstanding section 8.33 and section 256.22,
3 subsection 4, the funds appropriated in 1998 Iowa Acts,
4 chapter 1216, section 1, subsection 1, to the department of
5 education for extended school year grants, which remain
6 unencumbered or unobligated on June 30, 1999, shall not revert
7 to the general fund of the state or be available for
8 expenditure for the following fiscal year for purposes of
9 extended school year grants, but shall be available for
10 expenditure for the following fiscal year for purposes of the
11 innovative educational program as established in section
12 256.22A, if enacted.

13 Sec. 5. EMERGENCY RULES. The department of education may
14 adopt emergency rules under section 17A.4, subsection 2, and
15 section 17A.5, subsection 2, paragraph "b", to implement the
16 provisions of this Act and the rules shall be effective
17 immediately upon filing unless a later date is specified in
18 the rules. Any rules adopted in accordance with this section
19 shall also be published as a notice of intended action as
20 provided in section 17A.4.

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EXPLANATION

22 This bill appropriates \$1 million for FY 1999-2000 from the
23 general fund of the state to the department of education for
24 extended school year planning and implementation grants. Also
25 for fiscal year 1999-2000, the bill appropriates \$500,000 from
26 the general fund of the state to the department to fund
27 innovative educational program grants, which are provided for
28 in the bill.

29 The department of education is directed to administer and
30 approve grants on a competitive basis to school districts for
31 new, innovative educational programs. To qualify for grant
32 moneys, school districts must submit to the department a plan
33 for a new, innovative education program. Grants are to be
34 equitably distributed to large, medium-sized, and small school
35 districts.

1 School districts that receive grants are required to
2 submit, with their annual student achievement report to the
3 department, a report describing the impact the new, innovative
4 educational program had on the school district's progress in
5 attaining student achievement goals on academic and other core
6 indicators and on districtwide progress made in attaining
7 locally established student learning goals.

8 The department must summarize annually the school district
9 reports and submit the summary and any recommendations
10 regarding the grants and programs to the chairpersons and
11 ranking members of the house and senate standing education
12 committees. The bill strikes 1998 and 1999 payment and
13 reporting deadlines, and requires that the payments be made on
14 dates tied to the fiscal year in which the appropriation is
15 made.

16 Moneys appropriated for grants that remain unencumbered or
17 unobligated on June 30 of the fiscal year for which the funds
18 were appropriated shall not revert but shall be available for
19 grants in the following fiscal year.

20 | The bill captures funds that would have carried over at the
21 end of FY 1998-1999 for extended school year grants in fiscal
22 year 1999-2000, and requires that they be used for innovative
23 educational program grants in FY 1999-2000.

24 | The bill gives the department of education emergency
25 rulemaking authority to implement the provisions of this bill.

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