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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a George Washington Carver biotechnology
2 grant program within the Iowa minority academic grants for
3 economic success program administered by the college student
4 aid commission.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 261.102, Code 1999, is amended by
2 adding the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 1A. "Biotechnology grant program" means
4 the George Washington Carver biotechnology grant program
5 established in section 261.106.

6 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 261.106 GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER
7 BIOTECHNOLOGY GRANT.

8 1. There is established a George Washington Carver
9 biotechnology grant program within the Iowa minority academic
10 grants for economic success program administered by the
11 commission. The goals of the biotechnology grant program are
12 to attract undergraduate and graduate minority students from
13 across the country to Iowa's accredited postsecondary
14 institutions, to build future leadership within the minority
15 community, and to establish an image of the state as a land of
16 job opportunities that welcomes its increasing cultural
17 diversity.

18 2. Notwithstanding sections 261.101 and 261.103, a grant
19 under the biotechnology grant program may be awarded to any
20 minority person who is a citizen of the United States, who is
21 accepted for admission or is attending a community college, an
22 institution of higher learning under the control of the state
23 board of regents, or an accredited private institution as
24 defined in section 261.9 as an undergraduate or graduate
25 student pursuing a major in the field of biotechnology, and
26 who demonstrates financial need.

27 3. Full-time graduate students may receive grants for not
28 more than four semesters of graduate study or the trimester or
29 quarter equivalent of four semesters of graduate study. Part-
30 time graduate students may receive grants for not more than
31 eight semesters of graduate study or the trimester or quarter
32 equivalent of eight semesters of graduate study.

33 4. All other provisions of sections 261.101 through
34 261.105 shall apply to the biotechnology grant program.

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EXPLANATION

1 This bill establishes the George Washington Carver
2 biotechnology grant program within the Iowa minority academic
3 grants for economic success program administered by the
4 college student aid commission. The goals of the
5 biotechnology grant program are to attract undergraduate and
6 graduate minority students from across the country to Iowa's
7 accredited postsecondary institutions, to build future
8 leadership within the minority community, and to establish an
9 image of the state as a land of job opportunities that
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12 awarded to any minority person who is a citizen of the United
13 States, who is accepted for admission or is attending a
14 community college, regents university, or an accredited
15 private institution as an undergraduate or graduate student
16 pursuing a major in the field of biotechnology, and who
17 demonstrates financial need.

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