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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the advanced placement program grants and  
2 making an appropriation.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 256.22A ADVANCED PLACEMENT  
2 PROGRAM GRANTS.

3 1. The department of education shall administer and  
4 approve grants to school districts that expand the districts'  
5 advance placement course offerings by doing either or both of  
6 the following:

7 a. Providing for professional development that will  
8 qualify teachers employed by the district to teach advanced  
9 placement courses.

10 b. Delivering advanced placement coursework and  
11 instruction through the Iowa communications network.

12 2. Grant moneys shall be allocated on a competitive basis  
13 to a school district or a collaboration of school districts  
14 that apply to the department on forms provided by the  
15 department, and submit to the department a plan to expand  
16 advanced placement course offerings in accordance with  
17 subsection 1.

18 3. Grant moneys shall be distributed to qualifying school  
19 districts by the department on or about October 15 of the  
20 fiscal year in which the appropriation is made. Grant amounts  
21 shall be distributed as determined by the department.

22 4. By January 15 of the fiscal year following the fiscal  
23 year in which an appropriation is made for purposes of this  
24 section, the department shall summarize the plans for which  
25 grants were approved in a report to the school district  
26 reports and submit the summary and any recommendations  
27 regarding the grants and programs to the chairpersons and  
28 ranking members of the education standing committees of the  
29 senate and the house of representatives.

30 5. Grant moneys received by school districts under this  
31 section are miscellaneous income for purposes of chapter 257.

32 6. For purposes of this section, unless the context  
33 otherwise requires, "advanced placement" means a college-level  
34 course offered by a secondary school using curriculum provided  
35 by the college board, a nonprofit education association

1 chartered by the university of the state of New York education  
2 department.

3 7. There is appropriated from the general fund of the  
4 state to the department of education for each fiscal year the  
5 sum of five hundred thousand dollars for advanced placement  
6 program grants as provided in this section.

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EXPLANATION

8 This bill appropriates \$500,000 annually from the general  
9 fund of the state to the department of education for school  
10 districts to expand their advance placement course offerings  
11 by providing for professional development that will qualify  
12 teachers employed by the district to teach advanced placement  
13 courses or by delivering advanced placement coursework and  
14 instruction through the Iowa communications network.

15 Grant moneys must be allocated on a competitive basis to a  
16 school district or a collaboration of school districts that  
17 submit to the department a plan to expand their advanced  
18 placement course offerings. Grant amounts shall be  
19 distributed as determined by the department.

20 By January 15 of the fiscal year following the fiscal year  
21 in which an appropriation is made for advanced placement  
22 program grants, the department must summarize the plans for  
23 which grants were approved in a report to the chairpersons and  
24 ranking members of the house and senate standing education  
25 committees.

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