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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act establishing an access education grant program and making  
2 an appropriation.

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

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1 Section 1. COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION. There is  
2 appropriated from the general fund of the state to the college  
3 student aid commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
4 1999, and ending June 30, 2000, the following amount, or so  
5 much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purpose  
6 designated:

7 For the access education program as established in section  
8 261.98:

9 ..... \$ 150,000

10 Sec. 2. Section 261.92, Code 1999, is amended by adding  
11 the following new subsection:

12 NEW SUBSECTION. 6A. "Person with a disability" means a  
13 person who is considered to be a person with a disability  
14 under the disability criteria specified in Title II or Title  
15 XVI of the federal Social Security Act or who has a physical  
16 or mental illness or condition which, in the expected natural  
17 course of the illness or condition, to a reasonable degree of  
18 medical certainty, is expected to continue for an  
19 uninterrupted period of twelve months or more and  
20 substantially impairs the person's ability to provide for the  
21 person's care or custody.

22 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 261.98 ACCESS EDUCATION GRANT  
23 PROGRAM.

24 1. An access education grant program is established within  
25 the Iowa grant program administered by the commission. The  
26 provisions of sections 261.92 and 261.94 through 261.97 shall  
27 apply to the access education grant program except as follows:

28 a. A grant may be awarded to a person with a disability  
29 who is a resident of Iowa, is admitted and in attendance as a  
30 full-time or part-time resident student at an accredited  
31 higher education institution, and who establishes financial  
32 need. Grants awarded in accordance with this section shall be  
33 distributed in the same manner as provided in section 261.93.

34 b. Notwithstanding section 261.95, subsection 1, the  
35 amount of a grant to a qualified full-time student for an

1 academic year shall be the lesser of the student's financial  
2 need for that academic year or up to two thousand dollars.

3 2. The provisions of section 261.93A shall not apply to  
4 funds appropriated for purposes of this section.

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EXPLANATION

6 This bill establishes the access education grant program  
7 within the Iowa grant program administered by the college  
8 student aid commission and appropriates \$150,000 from the  
9 general fund of the state for FY 1999-2000 for purposes of the  
10 program.

11 The provisions of the Iowa grant program apply to the  
12 access education program except that in addition to the  
13 eligibility requirements for the Iowa grant program, an  
14 individual must be a person with a disability to qualify for  
15 an access education grant. The bill defines "person with a  
16 disability" to mean a person who is considered to be a person  
17 with a disability under the disability criteria specified in  
18 Title II or Title XVI of the federal Social Security Act or  
19 who has a physical or mental illness or condition which, in  
20 the expected natural course of the illness or condition, to a  
21 reasonable degree of medical certainty, is expected to  
22 continue for a continuous period of 12 months or more and  
23 substantially impairs the person's ability to provide for the  
24 person's care or custody.

25 The maximum grant amount for a full-time student under the  
26 access education grant program is \$2,000, while the maximum  
27 amount for an Iowa grant program award is \$1,000.

28 The Code requires that moneys appropriated for the Iowa  
29 grant program be distributed to community colleges, accredited  
30 private institutions, and regents universities according to  
31 set percentages. Moneys appropriated for purposes of the  
32 access education grant program are not to be distributed using  
33 these percentages.

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