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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the postsecondary enrollment options Act and
2 making an appropriation for the reimbursement of school
3 districts for their postsecondary enrollment options costs.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 261C.10 PAYMENT OF SCHOOL
2 DISTRICT CLAIMS -- APPROPRIATION.

3 1. If the general assembly appropriates funds to the
4 department of education for the payment of school district
5 postsecondary enrollment options costs, a school district that
6 paid a tuition reimbursement amount as provided in section
7 261C.6 may submit a claim to the department, on forms provided
8 by the department, for reimbursement of the amount paid to the
9 eligible postsecondary institution. Claims submitted to the
10 department shall state the actual costs incurred. Claims
11 shall be accompanied by an affidavit of an officer of the
12 school district affirming the accuracy of the claim.

13 2. From the moneys appropriated in subsection 4, taking
14 into consideration the relative budget and cash position of
15 the state resources, the department shall certify to the
16 department of revenue and finance, by February 1 and on or
17 about June 15, the amounts of approved claims to be paid, and
18 the department of revenue and finance shall draw warrants
19 payable to school districts with approved claims.

20 3. Payments made to a school district under this section
21 are miscellaneous income for purposes of chapter 257.

22 4. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
23 state to the department of education for each fiscal year the
24 sum of one million seven hundred thousand dollars for the
25 payment of school district postsecondary enrollment options
26 costs.

27 5. If the director of the department of education
28 determines that the moneys appropriated by the general
29 assembly as provided in subsection 4 are insufficient to pay
30 in full all claims submitted in accordance with this section,
31 the amounts of approved claims to be paid shall be prorated
32 among all school districts with approved claims.

33 6. The state board of education shall adopt rules pursuant
34 to chapter 17A to implement this section.

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EXPLANATION

1 This bill appropriates \$1.7 million annually to the
2 department of education for the payment of claims submitted to
3 the department by school districts for reimbursement of the
4 amounts the districts paid to postsecondary institutions in
5 accordance with the postsecondary enrollment options Act.

6 Claims submitted to the department shall state the actual
7 costs incurred, and shall be accompanied by an affidavit of an
8 officer of the public school district affirming the accuracy
9 of the claim.

10 The bill requires the department to certify to the
11 department of revenue and finance, by February 1 and on or
12 about June 15, the amounts of approved claims to be paid, and
13 the department of revenue and finance shall draw warrants
14 payable to school districts with approved claims.

15 If the director of the department of education determines
16 that the moneys appropriated by the general assembly are
17 insufficient to pay in full all claims, the amounts paid shall
18 be prorated among all school districts with approved claims.

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