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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the creation of an advanced placement
 2 incentive grant program and an advanced placement merit
 3 scholarship program, cost reimbursement for teachers attending
 4 conferences and institutes relating to advanced placement,
 5 making appropriations, and providing for emergency rulemaking
 6 and an immediate effective date.

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

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 256.24 ADVANCED PLACEMENT
2 INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM.

3 1. An advanced placement incentive grant program is
4 established under the control of the department of education.

5 2. The department shall approve and administer grants
6 annually to accredited public and nonpublic secondary schools,
7 which graduate students who have achieved advanced placement
8 status through taking advanced placement courses and
9 examinations, as determined by the college entrance
10 examination board, as follows:

11 a. A grant of not more than one hundred dollars for each
12 graduating student who achieves advanced placement scholar
13 status.

14 b. A grant of not more than two hundred dollars for each
15 graduating student who achieves advanced placement scholar
16 with honors status.

17 c. A grant of not more than three hundred dollars for each
18 graduating student who achieves advanced placement scholar
19 with distinction status.

20 3. The department shall approve and administer grants
21 annually to accredited public and nonpublic secondary schools
22 that deliver an advanced placement course and instruction
23 through the Iowa communications network as follows:

24 a. A grant of not more five hundred dollars if fifty
25 percent or more of the school's students taking advanced
26 placement examinations earn advanced placement scores of three
27 point zero or greater.

28 b. A grant of not more one thousand dollars if sixty
29 percent or more of the school's students taking advanced
30 placement examinations earn advanced placement scores of three
31 point zero or greater.

32 c. A grant of not more one thousand five hundred dollars
33 if seventy percent or more of the school's students taking
34 advanced placement examinations earn advanced placement scores
35 of three point zero or greater.

1 4. Grant moneys received in accordance with this section
2 shall be used for purposes of acquiring or maintaining
3 materials, educational resources, and technology for advanced
4 placement instructors and advanced placement courses, and to
5 reimburse licensed secondary teachers for tuition costs for
6 attendance at conferences and institutes for the purpose of
7 creation or maintenance of advanced placement courses.

8 5. The board of directors of a school district and the
9 authorities in charge of an accredited nonpublic school may
10 apply to the department on behalf of a secondary school that
11 meets the requirements of subsection 2 or 3, on forms provided
12 by the department, to receive a grant under this program. By
13 July 1, the department shall review each application and award
14 grants to secondary schools for program requirements met
15 during the previous fiscal year.

16 6. Grant moneys received under this section shall not be
17 commingled with state aid payments made under section 257.16
18 to a school district and shall be accounted for by the school
19 district separately from state aid payments. Payments made to
20 school districts under this section are miscellaneous income
21 for purposes of chapter 257. Each school district and
22 accredited nonpublic school shall maintain a separate listing
23 within its budget for payments received and expenditures made
24 pursuant to this section and shall provide the listing to the
25 department upon request.

26 7. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
27 state to the department of education, the sum of five hundred
28 thousand dollars for the purpose of awarding grants as
29 provided in this section. If the funds appropriated by the
30 general assembly are not sufficient to award grants to each of
31 the accredited public and nonpublic schools that meet the
32 requirements of this section, grant amounts shall be prorated
33 on the basis of the funds appropriated.

34 8. Notwithstanding section 8.33, unencumbered or
35 unobligated funds remaining on June 30 of the fiscal year for

1 which the funds were appropriated shall not revert but shall
2 be available for expenditure for the following fiscal year for
3 the purposes of this section.

4 9. For purposes of this section, "advanced placement"
5 means a college-level course offered by a secondary school
6 using curriculum provided by the college entrance examination
7 board, and "advanced placement examination" means an advanced
8 placement examination provided by the college entrance
9 examination board. The examinations are administered by
10 secondary schools to students participating in advanced
11 placement classes and the examination grades are rated on a
12 scale provided by the college entrance examination board.

13 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 261.20A IOWA ADVANCED PLACEMENT
14 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

15 1. The college student aid commission shall prepare and
16 administer an Iowa advanced placement scholarship program for
17 Iowa resident students who graduate from an accredited Iowa
18 public or nonpublic secondary school and who successfully
19 complete a minimum of three college entrance examination board
20 advanced placement examinations during the period specified by
21 the commission. Scholarships awarded under this section shall
22 provide assistance to an individual enrolled in a community
23 college as defined in section 260C.2, an institution of higher
24 learning under the control of the state board of regents, or
25 an accredited private institution as defined in section 261.9.
26 The program shall include the following four scholarship
27 levels:

28 a. An advanced placement scholar award for each graduating
29 secondary school student who completes a minimum of three
30 college entrance examination board advanced placement
31 examinations with a score of three point zero or greater on
32 each full-year examination based upon criteria established by
33 the college entrance examination board. An individual who
34 meets the qualifications of this paragraph shall receive a
35 scholarship amount of five hundred dollars.

1 b. An advanced placement scholar with honors award for
2 each graduating secondary school student who completes a
3 minimum of four college entrance examination board advanced
4 placement examinations with a score of three point zero or
5 greater on each full-year examination based upon criteria
6 established by the college entrance examination board, and who
7 has an average examination grade of three point twenty-five or
8 greater based upon criteria established by the college
9 entrance examination board. An individual who meets the
10 qualifications of this paragraph shall receive a scholarship
11 amount of one thousand dollars.

12 c. An advanced placement scholar with distinction award
13 for each graduating secondary school student who completes a
14 minimum of five college entrance examination board advanced
15 placement examinations with a score of three point zero or
16 greater on each full-year examination based upon criteria
17 established by the college entrance examination board, and who
18 has an average examination grade of three point five or
19 greater based upon criteria established by the college
20 entrance examination board. An individual who meets the
21 qualifications of this paragraph shall receive a scholarship
22 amount of one thousand five hundred dollars.

23 d. An advanced placement state scholar award to be awarded
24 to one male and one female graduating secondary school student
25 who completes the greatest number of full-year college
26 entrance examination board advanced placement examinations and
27 who has an average examination grade of three point five or
28 greater based upon criteria established by the college
29 entrance examination board. The individuals who meet the
30 qualifications of this paragraph and who are chosen to receive
31 a scholarship in accordance with this paragraph shall each
32 receive a scholarship amount of two thousand dollars.

33 2. To be eligible to receive a scholarship as provided in
34 subsection 1, an applicant shall meet the following initial
35 requirements:

1 a. Complete and file an application determined by the
2 commission for a scholarship.

3 b. Report promptly to the commission any information
4 requested.

5 c. Complete requirements for the secondary school diploma
6 or its equivalent by the end of the summer preceding entrance
7 into college.

8 d. Enroll as a full-time student at a community college as
9 defined in section 260C.2, an institution of higher learning
10 under the control of the state board of regents, or an
11 accredited private institution as defined in section 261.9.

12 3. The commission shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter
13 17A to administer this section. The commission may provide
14 for proration of scholarship amounts if the available funds
15 are insufficient to pay all approved scholarships. Such
16 proration shall take primary account of the financial need of
17 the applicant. In determining who is a resident of Iowa, the
18 commission's rules shall be at least as restrictive as those
19 of the state board of regents.

20 4. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
21 state to the college student aid commission the sum of five
22 hundred thousand dollars for the purpose of awarding
23 scholarships as provided in this section.

24 5. Notwithstanding section 8.33, unencumbered or
25 unobligated funds remaining on June 30 of the fiscal year for
26 which the funds were appropriated shall not revert but shall
27 be available for expenditure for the following fiscal year for
28 the purposes of this section.

29 6. For purposes of this section, "advanced placement"
30 means a college-level course offered by a secondary school
31 using curriculum provided by the college entrance examination
32 board, and "college entrance examination board advanced
33 placement examination" means an examination provided by the
34 college entrance examination board, and administered by a
35 secondary school to a student participating in an advanced

1 placement class with the examination grade rated on a scale
2 provided by the college entrance examination board.

3 Sec. 3. EMERGENCY RULES. The department of education and
4 the college student aid commission may adopt emergency rules
5 under section 17A.4, subsection 2, and section 17A.5,
6 subsection 2, paragraph "b", to implement the provisions of
7 this Act and the rules shall be effective immediately upon
8 filing unless a later date is specified in the rules. Any
9 rules adopted in accordance with this section shall also be
10 published as a notice of intended action as provided in
11 section 17A.4.

12 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
13 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

14 EXPLANATION

15 This bill establishes an advanced placement incentive grant
16 program under the control of the department of education,
17 permits school districts to use grant moneys to acquire or
18 maintain materials, educational resources, and technology for
19 advanced placement instructors and courses, and to pay
20 teachers for additional instructional work assignments
21 including attendance at conferences and institutes for the
22 purpose of creation or maintenance of advanced placement
23 courses; directs the college student aid commission to prepare
24 and administer an Iowa advanced placement merit scholarship
25 program; and appropriates \$500,000 from the general fund of
26 the state to the department for purposes of the incentive
27 grant program and \$500,000 from the general fund of the state
28 to the commission for purposes of awarding the scholarships.

29 ADVANCED PLACEMENT INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM. The department
30 of education is charged with approving and administering
31 grants annually to accredited public and nonpublic secondary
32 schools which graduate students who have achieved advanced
33 placement. Grant amounts range from \$100 to \$300 per
34 graduating student who achieves advanced placement scholar,
35 advanced placement with honors, or advanced placement scholar

1 with distinction status.

2 Under the program, the department is also directed to
3 approve and administer grants annually to accredited public
4 and nonpublic secondary schools that deliver an advanced
5 placement course and instruction through the Iowa
6 communications network. Grant amounts for these schools range
7 from not more than \$500 if 50 percent or more of the school's
8 students taking advanced placement examinations earn advanced
9 placement scores of 3.0 or greater, to a grant of not more
10 than \$1,500 if 70 percent or more of the school's students
11 taking advanced placement examinations earn advanced placement
12 scores of 3.0 or greater.

13 Grant moneys can be used by a school to acquire or maintain
14 materials, educational resources, and technology for advanced
15 placement instructors and advanced placement courses, and may
16 also be used to reimburse licensed secondary teachers who
17 attend conferences and institutes for the purpose of creation
18 or maintenance of advanced placement courses.

19 Each school district and accredited nonpublic school
20 receiving grant moneys must maintain a separate listing within
21 their budgets for payments received and expenditures made and
22 must provide the listing to the department upon request.

23 The bill provides that if the funds appropriated by the
24 general assembly are not sufficient to award grants to each of
25 the qualifying accredited public and nonpublic schools, grant
26 amounts shall be prorated.

27 IOWA ADVANCED PLACEMENT MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. The
28 college student aid commission is directed to prepare and
29 administer an Iowa advanced placement scholarship program for
30 Iowa resident students who graduate from an accredited Iowa
31 public or nonpublic secondary school and who successfully
32 complete a minimum of three college entrance examination board
33 advanced placement examinations during the period specified by
34 the commission. Scholarships are awarded to provide
35 assistance to an individual enrolled in a community college, a

1 regents university, or an accredited private institution.

2 The program includes four scholarship levels. Scholarship
3 amounts range from \$500 to \$2,000. Applicants must complete
4 three or more college board advanced placement examinations
5 with a score of 3.0 or greater on each full-year examination
6 based upon criteria established by the college board. The
7 bill provides that the highest level scholarship will be
8 awarded to one male and one female graduating secondary school
9 student who completes the greatest number of full-year college
10 entrance examination board advanced placement examinations and
11 who has an average examination grade of 3.5 or greater based
12 upon criteria established by the college board.

13 The bill permits the commission to provide for proration of
14 scholarship amounts if the funds appropriated are insufficient
15 to pay all approved scholarships. Proration shall take
16 primary account of the financial need of the applicant.

17 The bill permits the department of education and the
18 college student aid commission to adopt emergency rules, and
19 the bill becomes effective upon enactment.

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