

EDUCATION

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for character education through service learning
2 incentive grants for school districts and making an
3 appropriation.

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

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1 Section 1. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. There is appropriated
2 from the general fund of the state to the department of
3 education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000, and
4 ending June 30, 2001, the following amount, or so much thereof
5 as is necessary, to be used for the purpose designated:

6 For character education through service learning incentive
7 grants for school districts to implement programs that
8 integrate service learning into the school district's
9 curriculum and graduation requirements:

10 \$ 300,000

11 The director of the department of education shall develop
12 grant approval criteria and procedures. In developing grant
13 criteria and awarding grants, the director shall consider
14 equity concerns and options for distributing grant amounts
15 based on service population size groupings to accommodate
16 small, medium, and large population school districts. The
17 deadline for applications for character education through
18 service learning incentive grants in the fiscal year beginning
19 July 1, 2000, shall be August 31, 2000, with grant awards to
20 be made on or about October 1, 2000.

21 EXPLANATION

22 This bill appropriates moneys from the general fund of the
23 state to the department of education for fiscal year 2000-
24 2001, for character education through service learning
25 incentive grants for school districts to implement programs
26 that integrate service learning into the school district's
27 curriculum and graduation requirements.

28 Under the bill, the director of the department of education
29 must develop grant approval criteria and procedures, taking
30 into consideration equity concerns and school district size.
31 To receive a grant, a school must apply by August 31, 2000,
32 and the department must award the grants on or about October
33 1, 2000.

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