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A BILL FOR

1 An Act creating a new employment opportunity 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. NEW SECTION. 84A.10 NEW EMPLOYMENT  
2 OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM.

3 The department of workforce development shall implement and  
4 administer a new employment opportunity program to assist  
5 individuals in underutilized segments of Iowa's workforce to  
6 gain and retain employment. The program shall be designed to  
7 complement existing employment and training programs by  
8 providing additional flexibility and services that are often  
9 needed by individuals in underutilized segments of the  
10 workforce to gain and retain employment. Services provided  
11 under the program may include, but are not limited to,  
12 transportation costs, child care, health care, health care  
13 insurance, on-the-job training, short-term basic education,  
14 internships, mentoring, assisting businesses with compliance  
15 issues related to the federal Americans with Disabilities Act  
16 of 1990, and reducing perceived risks that cause these  
17 populations to be underutilized. The department shall adopt  
18 rules pursuant to chapter 17A to administer the program,  
19 including rules relating to eligibility criteria.

20 Sec. 2. There is appropriated from the general fund of the  
21 state to the department of workforce development for the  
22 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000, and ending June 30, 2001,  
23 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to  
24 be used for the purpose designated:

25 For the new employment opportunity program established in  
26 section 84A.10:  
27 ..... \$ 350,000

28 EXPLANATION

29 This bill provides that the department of workforce  
30 development shall implement and administer a new employment  
31 opportunity program designed to assist individuals in  
32 underutilized segments of Iowa's workforce to gain and retain  
33 employment. The bill provides that services provided under  
34 the program may include, but are not limited to,  
35 transportation costs, child care, health care, health care

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2 internships, mentoring, assisting businesses with compliance  
3 issues related to the federal Americans with Disabilities Act  
4 of 1990, and reducing perceived risks that cause these  
5 populations to be underutilized.

6 The bill appropriates \$350,000 from the general fund of the  
7 state to the department of workforce development for the  
8 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000, and ending June 30, 2001,  
9 for purposes of the new employment opportunity program.

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