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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act making an appropriation to the department of education for  
2 employability skills assessment reimbursements to school  
3 districts.

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

**SF 2402**  
APPROPRIATIONS

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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 following purpose:

6 For reimbursement of school district claims for the costs  
7 of acquiring and using employability skills assessment tools  
8 as provided in section 256.39A:

9 ..... \$ . 800,000

10 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 256.39A EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS  
11 ASSESSMENT REIMBURSEMENTS.

12 1. If the general assembly appropriates moneys to pay  
13 school district claims for the costs of employability skills  
14 assessment tools, the department of education shall reimburse  
15 school district claims for the costs of acquiring,  
16 administering, and scoring assessment tools to assess the  
17 employability skills of students. The director of the  
18 department of education shall identify available employability  
19 skills assessment tools that school districts may use to meet  
20 the claim reimbursement requirements of this section.

21 2. In order to be eligible for reimbursement under this  
22 section, a school district shall submit a claim on forms  
23 provided by the department by July 15, and the claim shall  
24 state the actual costs incurred and shall be accompanied by an  
25 affidavit of an officer of the school district affirming the  
26 accuracy of the claim.

27 3. A school district that submits to the department a  
28 claim for reimbursement in accordance with this section shall  
29 develop and integrate specific employability skills, goals,  
30 and activities into the comprehensive school improvement plan  
31 required under section 256.7, subsection 21, paragraph "a".

32 4. The department of education shall certify to the  
33 department of revenue and finance the total amounts of  
34 approved claims to be paid and, to the extent moneys are  
35 appropriated, the department of revenue and finance shall draw

1 warrants payable to school districts with approved claims,  
2 taking into consideration the relative budget and cash  
3 position of the state resources. If the funds appropriated  
4 for purposes of this section are insufficient to pay in full  
5 the claims submitted by school districts and approved by the  
6 department, the amounts of approved claims shall be prorated  
7 among all school districts with approved claims.

8 5. Moneys received under this section shall not be  
9 commingled with state aid payments made under section 257.16  
10 to a school district and shall be accounted for by the school  
11 district separately from state aid payments. Payments made to  
12 a school district under this section are miscellaneous income  
13 for purposes of chapter 257.

14 EXPLANATION

15 This bill appropriates moneys from the general fund of the  
16 state to the department of education for employability skills  
17 assessment reimbursements to school districts for fiscal year  
18 2000-2001.

19 The bill establishes in statute the claims process a school  
20 district shall follow in order to be reimbursed for the costs  
21 of acquiring, administering, and scoring assessment tools to  
22 assess the employability skills of students. The bill  
23 requires the director of the department of education to  
24 identify eligible tools.

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