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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing additional funding for community colleges
2 experiencing increases in enrollment, and making an
3 appropriation.

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

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EDUCATION

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 260C.18A ON-TIME FUNDING FOR
2 INCREASED ENROLLMENT -- APPROPRIATION.

3 1. If a community college's enrollment count, as
4 determined pursuant to this section, has increased over the
5 enrollment count determined the previous October 1, the
6 community college may submit a request to the school budget
7 review committee for on-time funding for increased enrollment.
8 An application for on-time funding must be received by the
9 department of education by November 1. The school budget
10 review committee shall consider the relative increase in
11 community college enrollment in determining whether or not to
12 grant a request, and shall determine the amount of additional
13 funding to be provided if the request is granted. Written
14 notice of the committee's decision shall be given through the
15 department to a community college board of directors.

16 2. For purposes of this section, the enrollment count
17 shall be determined by each community college based upon the
18 number of students enrolled in courses for credit on October 1
19 annually. Procedures for calculating the number of full-time
20 enrolled students based on a conversion of credit hours to
21 full-time student equivalents shall be established by the
22 department by rule.

23 3. Moneys appropriated by the general assembly for
24 purposes of this section shall be paid to community colleges
25 in one lump sum within thirty days of notification by the
26 school budget review committee of approval for on-time
27 funding. If the requests approved by the school budget review
28 committee exceed the amount appropriated to the department of
29 education pursuant to this section, the payments to community
30 colleges receiving approval for on-time funding shall be
31 prorated such that each community college approved for on-time
32 funding shall receive an amount of on-time funding equal to
33 the percentage that the on-time funding to be provided to the
34 community college bears to the total amount of on-time funding
35 to be provided to all community colleges receiving approval.

1 4. If the board of directors of a community college
2 determines that a need exists for additional funds exceeding
3 the amount provided in this section, a request for
4 supplemental aid based upon increased enrollment may also be
5 submitted to the school budget review committee pursuant to
6 section 260C.18B, subsection 1, paragraph "a".

7 5. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
8 state to the department of education for the fiscal year
9 beginning July 1, 1999, and for each succeeding fiscal year,
10 the sum of one million dollars, or so much thereof as is
11 necessary, to pay additional funding authorized under this
12 section.

13 EXPLANATION

14 This bill provides that community colleges experiencing
15 increases in enrollment may submit a request to the school
16 budget review committee for on-time funding for new students
17 by November 1 annually. The school budget review committee
18 shall determine whether, and to what extent, a request shall
19 be granted.

20 The bill provides that for purposes of on-time funding,
21 community colleges shall determine an enrollment count based
22 upon the number of students enrolled in the community college
23 on October 1 annually. Procedures for calculating the number
24 of full-time enrolled students based on a conversion of credit
25 hours to full-time student equivalents will be established by
26 the department by rule.

27 The bill makes an appropriation from the general fund of
28 the state to the department of education of \$1 million
29 annually, payable to school districts in one lump sum within
30 30 days of notification by the school budget review committee
31 of approval for on-time funding for increased enrollment for a
32 budget year. If requests for on-time funding exceed the
33 appropriation available, community colleges with approved
34 requests shall receive prorated payments. Community colleges
35 may request supplemental aid above and beyond amounts received

1 for on-time funding pursuant to Code section 260C.18B,
2 subsection 1, paragraph "a".

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