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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to advanced placement award programs and  
2 providing for appropriations.  
3 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. The department of education shall develop and  
4 administer an advanced placement incentive grant program to  
5 provide for the allocation of grant moneys to public and  
6 nonpublic high schools as follows:

7 a. A public high school is eligible for a grant of not  
8 more than three thousand dollars if the proportion of students  
9 enrolled in the high school who achieve advanced placement  
10 scholar status is equal to or greater than the national  
11 proportion of students enrolled in high schools who achieve  
12 advanced placement scholar status.

13 b. A public high school is eligible for a grant of not  
14 more than six thousand dollars if the proportion of students  
15 enrolled in the high school who achieve advanced placement  
16 scholar with honor status is equal to or greater than the  
17 national proportion of students enrolled in high schools who  
18 achieve advanced placement scholar honors status.

19 c. A public high school is eligible for a grant of not  
20 more than nine thousand dollars if the proportion of students  
21 enrolled in the high school who achieve advanced placement  
22 scholar with distinction status is equal to or greater than  
23 the national proportion of students enrolled in high schools  
24 who achieve advanced placement scholar with distinction  
25 status.

26 d. A public or accredited nonpublic high school is  
27 eligible for a grant of not more than one thousand dollars for  
28 the purpose of creating teacher in-service programs that lead  
29 to the development and implementation of advanced placement  
30 courses and standards within the high school.

31 2. Grant moneys received in accordance with this section  
32 shall be used for purposes of acquiring or maintaining  
33 materials and technology for use by advanced placement  
34 courses.

35 3. The board of directors of the school district and the

1 authorities in charge of an accredited nonpublic school may  
2 apply to the department on behalf of a high school, on forms  
3 provided by the department, to receive a grant under this  
4 program. The department shall review the application and  
5 award grants to high schools that meet the requirements of  
6 subsection 1 by July 1 of each year for the previous school  
7 year.

8 4. 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 local  
11 school district separately from state aid payments.

12 5. Payments made to school districts under this section  
13 are miscellaneous income for purposes of chapter 257 or are  
14 considered encumbered. Each local school district shall  
15 maintain a separate listing within its accounting records for  
16 payments received and expenditures made pursuant to this  
17 section.

18 6. For purposes of this section and section 261.20A,  
19 "advanced placement" means a college-level course offered by a  
20 high school using curriculum provided by the college entrance  
21 examination board and "college board advanced placement  
22 examination" means an examination provided by the college  
23 entrance examination board. The examinations are administered  
24 by high schools to students participating in advanced  
25 placement classes and the examination grades are rated on a  
26 scale provided by the college board.

27 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 261.20A IOWA ADVANCED PLACEMENT  
28 SCHOLARSHIPS.

29 1. The college student aid commission shall develop and  
30 administer an Iowa advanced placement scholarship program for  
31 Iowa resident students who successfully complete a minimum of  
32 three college board advanced placement examinations during the  
33 period specified by the commission. The program shall include  
34 the following four scholarship levels:

35 a. Level one -- to be awarded to each student who

1 completes a minimum of three college board advanced placement  
2 examinations with a score of three point zero or greater based  
3 upon criteria of the college entrance examination board. A  
4 scholarship awarded under this paragraph shall provide  
5 assistance to a full-time student for not more than two  
6 semesters, or if attending as a part-time student, not more  
7 than four semesters of undergraduate study, or the trimester  
8 or quarter equivalent.

9     b. Level two -- to be awarded to each student who  
10 completes a minimum of four college board advanced placement  
11 examinations with a score of three point zero or greater on  
12 each examination based upon criteria of the college entrance  
13 examination board and who has an average examination grade of  
14 three point twenty-five or greater based upon criteria of the  
15 college entrance examination board. A scholarship awarded  
16 under this paragraph shall provide assistance to a full-time  
17 student for not more than four semesters, or if attending as a  
18 part-time student, not more than eight semesters of  
19 undergraduate study, or the trimester or quarter equivalent.

20     c. Level three -- to be awarded to each student who  
21 completes a minimum of five college board advanced placement  
22 examinations with a score of three point zero or greater on  
23 each based upon criteria of the college entrance examination  
24 board and who has an average exam grade of at least three  
25 point five based upon criteria of the college entrance  
26 examination board. A scholarship awarded under this paragraph  
27 shall provide assistance to a full-time student for not more  
28 than six semesters, or if attending as a part-time student,  
29 not more than twelve semesters of undergraduate study, or the  
30 trimester or quarter equivalent.

31     d. Level four -- to be awarded to each student who  
32 completes a minimum of eight college board advanced placement  
33 examinations with a score of four point zero or greater on  
34 each examination based upon criteria of the college entrance  
35 examination board. A scholarship awarded under this paragraph

1 shall provide assistance to a full-time student for not more  
2 than eight semesters, or if attending as a part-time student,  
3 not more than sixteen semesters of undergraduate study, or the  
4 trimester or quarter equivalent.

5 2. An applicant for an Iowa advanced placement scholarship  
6 must meet the following initial requirements:

7 a. Complete and file an application determined by the  
8 commission for a tuition grant.

9 b. Report promptly to the commission any information  
10 requested.

11 c. Complete requirements for the high school diploma or  
12 its equivalent by the end of the summer preceding entrance  
13 into college.

14 d. Plan to enroll as a student at an accredited private  
15 institution as defined in section 261.9, subsection 1,  
16 community college as defined in section 260C.2, or institution  
17 of higher learning under the control of the state board of  
18 regents.

19 3. a. The amount of a scholarship to a qualified full-  
20 time student for the fall and spring semesters, or the  
21 trimester or quarter equivalent, shall be the amount of the  
22 student's financial need for that period. However, if a  
23 student elects to attend an accredited private institution  
24 under this section, the amount of a scholarship under this  
25 subsection shall not exceed the resident tuition rate  
26 established for institutions of higher learning under the  
27 control of the state board of regents.

28 b. The amount of a scholarship to a qualified full-time  
29 student for the summer semester or trimester or quarter  
30 equivalent shall be one-half the amount of the scholarship the  
31 student receives under paragraph "a".

32 c. The amount of a scholarship to a qualified part-time  
33 student enrolled in a course of study including at least three  
34 semester hours but fewer than twelve semester hours for the  
35 fall, spring, and summer semesters, or the trimester or

1 quarter equivalent, shall be equal to the amount of a  
2 scholarship that would be paid to a full-time student times a  
3 number which represents the number of hours in which the part-  
4 time student is actually enrolled divided by twelve semester  
5 hours, or the trimester or quarter equivalent.

6 4. There is appropriated from the general fund of the  
7 state to the college student aid commission for each fiscal  
8 year an amount sufficient to pay for scholarships awarded to  
9 students who qualify under this section.

10 5. The college student aid commission shall adopt rules  
11 pursuant to chapter 17A to administer this section.

12 6. For purposes of this section, "advanced placement" and  
13 "college board advanced placement examination" mean the same  
14 as defined in section 256.24, subsection 6.

15 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 261.44A ADVANCED PLACEMENT TEACHER  
16 TRAINING REIMBURSEMENT PAYMENTS.

17 An individual is eligible for reimbursement payments under  
18 the guaranteed loan payment program if the individual meets  
19 all of the following conditions:

20 1. Is a teacher employed on a full-time basis under  
21 sections 279.13 through 279.19 in a school district in this  
22 state, is a teacher in an accredited nonpublic school in this  
23 state, or is a licensed teacher at the Iowa braille and sight  
24 saving school or the Iowa school for the deaf.

25 2. As of the beginning of a school year, has an  
26 outstanding debt with an eligible lender under the Iowa  
27 guaranteed loan program or has parents with an outstanding  
28 debt with an eligible lender under a federal PLUS loan  
29 program.

30 3. Has never defaulted on a loan guaranteed by the  
31 commission or by the federal government.

32 4. Teaches advanced placement courses using a curriculum  
33 established by the college entrance examination board at the  
34 high school level.

35 5. The maximum annual reimbursement payment to an eligible

1 teacher for loan repayments made during a school year is the  
2 amount necessary to pay not more than the tuition charged for  
3 an advanced placement training institute or an advanced  
4 placement program of coursework offered by a community college  
5 in this state, an institution under the control of the state  
6 board of regents, or an accredited private institution as  
7 defined in section 261.9, subsection 1. However, payments  
8 made under this section shall not exceed the resident tuition  
9 rate for a regents university.

10 6. The commission may sign contracts with eligible  
11 students at or after the time of loan origination to assure  
12 loan repayment.

13 7. For purposes of this section, "advanced placement"  
14 means the same as defined in section 256.24, subsection 6.

15 EXPLANATION

16 This bill creates an advanced placement incentive grant  
17 program for public high schools with a certain percentage of  
18 advanced placement scholars, and for public and accredited  
19 nonpublic high schools for the creation of teacher in-service  
20 programs which develop and implement advanced placement  
21 courses and standards within the high school. The bill also  
22 creates an Iowa advanced placement scholarship program for  
23 students who reach various levels as advanced placement  
24 scholars. Lastly, the bill provides that a person is eligible  
25 for reimbursement payments under the guaranteed loan payment  
26 program if that person is a teacher who attended an advanced  
27 placement training institute or an accredited postsecondary  
28 school advanced placement program.

29 The department of education is charged with the  
30 responsibility of developing and administering the advanced  
31 placement incentive grant program for the allocation of grant  
32 moneys to public and nonpublic high schools. All public and  
33 accredited nonpublic high schools are eligible for a grant of  
34 not more than \$1,000 for the creation of teacher in-service  
35 programs that develop and implement advanced placement courses

1 and standards within the high school. A public high school is  
2 eligible for a grant of \$3,000, \$6,000, or \$9,000, if the  
3 proportion of students enrolled in the high school who achieve  
4 the respective status of advanced placement scholar, scholar  
5 with honor, or scholar with distinction, as determined by the  
6 college entrance examination board, is equal to or greater  
7 than the national proportion of students who achieve the  
8 respective status level. Advanced placement incentive grant  
9 program grant moneys shall be expended for purposes of  
10 acquiring or maintaining materials and technology for use by  
11 advanced placement courses.

12 The college student aid commission is responsible for  
13 developing and administering an Iowa advanced placement  
14 scholarship program for Iowa resident students who  
15 successfully complete a minimum of three college board  
16 advanced placement examinations during the period specified by  
17 the commission. The scholarships are awarded for one, two,  
18 three, or four years, depending upon the score a student  
19 achieves on a minimum level of college board advanced  
20 placement examinations.

21 A scholarship applicant must plan to enroll as a student at  
22 an accredited private institution located in Iowa or a state  
23 postsecondary institution. The amount of a scholarship to a  
24 qualified student shall be the amount of the student's  
25 financial need, but shall not exceed the resident tuition rate  
26 established for institutions of higher learning under the  
27 control of the state board of regents.

28 The bill provides a standing appropriation to the college  
29 student aid commission of an amount sufficient for each fiscal  
30 year to pay for scholarship awards to students who qualify  
31 under this section.

32 The bill provides that a full-time teacher who teaches  
33 advanced placement courses at the high school level is  
34 eligible for reimbursement payments under the guaranteed loan  
35 payment program if the teacher has an outstanding debt with an

1 eligible lender under the Iowa guaranteed loan program or has  
2 parents with an outstanding debt with an eligible lender under  
3 the PLUS loan program, and has never defaulted on a loan  
4 guaranteed by the commission or by the federal government.  
5 The maximum annual reimbursement payment to an eligible  
6 teacher is the amount necessary to pay not more than the  
7 tuition charged for an advanced placement training institute  
8 or an advanced placement program of coursework offered by an  
9 accredited postsecondary institution in this state. However,  
10 payments shall not exceed the resident tuition rate for a  
11 regents university.

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