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A BILL FOR

1 An Act creating a junior entrepreneur training assistance program  
2 and providing a tax deduction.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 15.313, subsection 2, Code 2001, is  
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. j. Matching grants under the junior  
4 entrepreneur training program as provided in section 15E.45.

5 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 15E.41 SHORT TITLE.

6 This division shall be known and may be cited as the  
7 "Junior Entrepreneur Training Act".

8 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 15E.42 JUNIOR ENTREPRENEUR TRAINING  
9 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

10 1. The department of economic development shall establish  
11 a junior entrepreneur training assistance program to encourage  
12 and assist private businesses and organizations to establish  
13 junior entrepreneur training programs that would operate in  
14 conjunction or cooperation with a local school district.

15 2. a. A junior entrepreneur training program established  
16 by a private business or organization shall be designed to do  
17 all of the following:

18 (1) Encourage interest in starting or operating a  
19 business.

20 (2) Educate participants regarding the potential  
21 advantages and rewards of self-employment.

22 (3) Engage business professionals and successful  
23 entrepreneurs to introduce participants to the basics of  
24 business ownership and management.

25 (4) Assist past participants in the program who start or  
26 purchase a business to develop mentoring relationships with  
27 successful local businesspersons.

28 b. The department shall give priority to a junior  
29 entrepreneur training program that concentrates its efforts on  
30 attracting participants who lack significant exposure to  
31 entrepreneurship role models including, but not limited to,  
32 persons from economically disadvantaged backgrounds or  
33 populations traditionally underrepresented in the local  
34 business community.

35 3. For purposes of an eligible taxpayer claiming an income

1 tax deduction pursuant to sections 422.7 and 422.35, the  
2 department shall, upon application by the junior entrepreneur  
3 training program, certify any junior entrepreneur training  
4 program that meets the criteria in subsection 2, paragraph  
5 "b".

6 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 15E.43 FUNDING.

7 The department may provide a matching grant to a private  
8 business or organization that establishes a junior  
9 entrepreneur training program. A matching grant shall provide  
10 one dollar for every two dollars in private matching moneys.

11 Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. 15E.44 RULES.

12 The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A  
13 necessary for the administration of this division.

14 Sec. 6. Section 422.7, Code Supplement 2001, is amended by  
15 adding the following new subsection:

16 NEW SUBSECTION. 38. Subtract the amount of any  
17 contribution made for the establishment or operation of a  
18 junior entrepreneur training program certified by the  
19 department of economic development pursuant to section 15E.42.

20 Sec. 7. Section 422.35, Code Supplement 2001, is amended  
21 by adding the following new subsection:

22 NEW SUBSECTION. 19. Subtract the amount of any  
23 contribution made for the establishment or operation of a  
24 junior entrepreneur training program certified by the  
25 department of economic development pursuant to section 15E.42.

26 EXPLANATION

27 This bill creates a junior entrepreneur training assistance  
28 program.

29 The bill provides that the department of economic  
30 development shall establish a junior entrepreneur training  
31 assistance program to encourage and assist private businesses  
32 and organizations to establish junior entrepreneur training  
33 programs that would operate in conjunction or cooperation with  
34 a local school district. The bill provides that a junior  
35 entrepreneur training program established by a private

1 business or organization shall be designed to encourage  
2 interest in starting or operating a business, educate  
3 participants regarding the potential advantages and rewards of  
4 self-employment, engage business professionals and successful  
5 entrepreneurs to introduce participants to the basics of  
6 business ownership and management, and assist past  
7 participants in the program who start or purchase a business  
8 to develop mentoring relationships with successful local  
9 businesspersons. The bill provides that the department shall  
10 give priority to a junior entrepreneur training program that  
11 concentrates its efforts on attracting participants who lack  
12 significant exposure to entrepreneurship role models  
13 including, but not limited to, persons from economically  
14 disadvantaged backgrounds or populations traditionally  
15 underrepresented in the local business community.

16 The bill provides that the department may provide a  
17 matching grant to a private business or organization that  
18 establishes a junior entrepreneur training program. The bill  
19 provides that the moneys for the matching grants shall be  
20 provided from the strategic investment fund.

21 The bill provides for an individual or corporate tax  
22 deduction for any contribution made for the establishment or  
23 operation of a junior entrepreneur training program certified  
24 by the department. The bill provides that the department  
25 shall, upon application by the junior entrepreneur training  
26 program, certify programs that concentrate efforts on  
27 attracting participants who lack significant exposure to  
28 entrepreneurship role models including, but not limited to,  
29 persons from economically disadvantaged backgrounds or  
30 populations traditionally underrepresented in the local  
31 business community.

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