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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_ SF/HF 662  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON HOUSER)

Passed House, Date \_\_\_\_\_ Passed Senate, Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Vote: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_  
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to Iowa's community empowerment initiative and  
2 providing an effective date.

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7 grant moneys and for other moneys administered by the  
8 community board.

9 Sec. 2. Section 28.7, Code 2001, is amended by adding the  
10 following new subsection:

11 NEW SUBSECTION. 3. The following funding streams shall be  
12 administered by designated community empowerment area boards  
13 commencing in the indicated fiscal year:

14 a. Commencing with the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001,  
15 child abuse prevention grant funding disbursed through the  
16 department of human services.

17 b. Commencing with the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001,  
18 pregnancy prevention grant funding disbursed through the  
19 department of human services.

20 Sec. 3. GRANT DISTRIBUTION DIRECTIVE. If an appropriation  
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22 enacted for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, for  
23 deposit in the school ready children grants account of the  
24 Iowa empowerment fund created in section 28.9, the Iowa  
25 empowerment board shall authorize distribution of school ready  
26 children grants to designated community empowerment areas in  
27 accordance with this section. Those designated community  
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29 fiscal year 2000-2001, shall be eligible to receive the school  
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16 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of  
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18 EXPLANATION

19 This bill relates to Iowa's community empowerment  
 20 initiative.

21 The bill amends Code section 28.7 to authorize an area  
 22 education agency to serve as fiscal agent for a community  
 23 empowerment area board.

24 Code section 28.7, relating to community empowerment area  
 25 board duties and responsibilities, is amended to provide that  
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BY COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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**HOUSE FILE 662****H-1346**

1 Amend House File 662 as follows:

2 1. Page 1, by inserting before line 1 the  
3 following:

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6 paragraph:

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3 opportunities for the community empowerment initiative  
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5 2. By renumbering as necessary.

**By** HOUSER of Pottawattamie  
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HOUSE FILE 662

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BRENT SIEGRIST  
Speaker of the House

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MARY E. KRAMER  
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 662, Seventy-ninth General Assembly.

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MARGARET THOMSON  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved 5/2, 2001

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THOMAS J. VILSACK  
Governor