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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the development and administration by the  
2 department of education of a program to identify and honor  
3 schools for increasing the number and diversity of students  
4 enrolled in advanced-level courses.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 256.7, Code Supplement 2003, is amended  
2 by adding the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 26. Adopt rules for the administration of  
4 a program to identify and honor annually elementary and  
5 secondary schools that succeed in increasing the number of  
6 students enrolled in advanced science, mathematics, and  
7 technology programs as provided in section 256.9, subsection  
8 53. The board shall set the number of awards to be issued  
9 annually.

10 Sec. 2. Section 256.9, Code Supplement 2003, is amended by  
11 adding the following new subsection:

12 NEW SUBSECTION. 53. Develop and administer a program to  
13 identify and honor annually elementary and secondary schools  
14 that succeed in increasing the number of students enrolled in  
15 advanced science, mathematics, and technology programs. The  
16 purpose of the program shall be to recognize schools that have  
17 taken the initiative to increase and encourage a diverse  
18 population of students to enroll in advanced science,  
19 mathematics, and technology programs. The director shall  
20 develop an application procedure and make applications  
21 available upon request, and shall develop criteria for the  
22 recognition of exemplary schools and programs based on the  
23 percentage of increase in the number of students enrolled in  
24 advanced science, mathematics, and technology programs; the  
25 diversity of the student population enrolled in the programs;  
26 and the achievement levels of the students enrolled in the  
27 programs. The director shall also establish a process to  
28 publicly honor the recipients chosen pursuant to this  
29 subsection and shall create a noteworthy symbol or certificate  
30 of honor suitable for public display in the community by the  
31 recipient schools.

32 EXPLANATION

33 This bill requires the director of the department of  
34 education to develop and administer a program to identify and  
35 honor annually elementary and secondary schools that succeed

1 in increasing the number and diversity of students enrolled in  
2 advanced science, mathematics, and technology programs; to  
3 develop criteria for the recognition of exemplary schools and  
4 programs; to establish a process to publicly honor the  
5 recipients chosen; and to create a noteworthy symbol or  
6 certificate of honor suitable for public display in the  
7 community by the recipient schools.

8 The state board of education is directed to adopt rules for  
9 the administration of the program and to set the number of  
10 awards to be issued annually.

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