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EDUCATION

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to a competitively bid contract to provide
2 technical assistance to school districts and community-based
3 organizations that provide mentoring programs to youth and
4 making an appropriation.

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

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1 Section 1. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. There is appropriated
2 from the general fund of the state to the department of
3 education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, and
4 ending June 30, 2004, the following amount, or so much thereof
5 as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

6 For purposes of entering into a competitively bid contract
7 with a not-for-profit organization to provide technical
8 assistance to school districts and community-based
9 organizations that provide mentoring programs to youth:

10 \$ 350,000

11 1. To be eligible for a contract under this section, a
12 not-for-profit organization shall apply research-based
13 principles and strategies from national prevention programs,
14 utilize a variety of media to engage and assist participants,
15 and focus on school districts and community-based
16 organizations that deliver mentoring programs. Assistance
17 shall be designed to focus on program continuation in a low
18 funding environment, managing risk, and maximizing outcome-
19 based results.

20 2. Assistance provided by a not-for-profit organization
21 shall demonstrate expertise in the following areas:

- 22 a. Effective program development strategies.
- 23 b. Program-based outcome evaluations for youth served.
- 24 c. Maximizing resources for program continuation.
- 25 d. Development of effective volunteer recruitment and
26 appropriate screening techniques.
- 27 e. Development of risk management tools such as program
28 supervision and adequate documented procedures for program
29 delivery.

30 3. Assistance provided by a not-for-profit organization
31 shall strive to accomplish the following:

- 32 a. Expand program delivery within the targeted service
33 community.
- 34 b. Produce constructive tangible outcomes and results for
35 youth served.

1 c. Assure program longevity through the use of
2 collaboration and volunteer coordination.

3 d. Provide for the necessary number of volunteers to
4 deliver the program and ensure that each volunteer is safe and
5 appropriate.

6 4. In determining and approving a not-for-profit
7 organization, the department shall place its highest priority
8 on the expertise and accomplishments of a not-for-profit
9 organization's staff in the area of youth mentoring programs
10 related to the areas specified in subsection 2.

11 5. The department shall prepare and submit a report of the
12 activities and expenditures funded under the contract to the
13 chairpersons and ranking members of the standing committees on
14 education and to the joint appropriations subcommittees on
15 education of the general assembly by December 1, 2005.

16 EXPLANATION

17 This bill appropriates \$350,000 from the general fund of
18 the state to the department of education for fiscal year 2003-
19 2004 for the purposes of entering into a competitively bid
20 contract with a not-for-profit organization to provide
21 technical assistance to school districts and community-based
22 organizations that provide mentoring programs to youth.

23 Not-for-profit organizations are eligible for a contract if
24 they apply research-based principles and strategies from
25 national prevention programs, utilize a variety of media to
26 engage and assist participants, and focus on school districts
27 and community-based organizations that deliver mentoring
28 programs.

29 Assistance provided by an eligible organization must be
30 designed to focus on program continuation, managing risk, and
31 maximizing outcome-based results; must demonstrate expertise
32 in effective program development strategies, outcome
33 evaluations, maximizing resources, effective volunteer
34 recruitment, screening techniques, and risk management tools;
35 and must strive to expand program delivery, produce

1 constructive results, and provide for adequate numbers of
2 volunteers.

3 The bill directs the department to submit a report of the
4 activities and expenditures funded under the contract to the
5 chairpersons and ranking members of the standing committees on
6 education and to the joint appropriations subcommittees on
7 education of the general assembly by December 1, 2005.

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