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A BILL FOR

1 An Act creating a water quality needs and infrastructure program
2 and fund.

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

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 455B.183D WATER QUALITY NEEDS
2 AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM -- FUND.

3 1. A water quality needs and infrastructure program shall
4 be implemented and administered by the department. The
5 program shall provide financial assistance for the
6 administration, regulation, and enforcement of the federal
7 Safe Drinking Water Act, source water protection grants, and
8 infrastructure loans to water systems.

9 2. a. A water quality needs and infrastructure fund is
10 created in the state treasury under the control of the
11 department. Notwithstanding section 423.2, subsection 10,
12 revenues received from the taxation of water pursuant to
13 section 423.2, subsection 2, shall be deposited in the water
14 quality needs and infrastructure fund. Notwithstanding
15 section 8.33, moneys in the water quality needs and
16 infrastructure fund at the end of each fiscal year shall not
17 revert to any other fund but shall remain in the water quality
18 needs and infrastructure fund for expenditure for subsequent
19 fiscal years. Notwithstanding section 12C.7, interest or
20 earnings on moneys in the water quality needs and
21 infrastructure fund shall be credited to the fund.

22 b. Within the water quality needs and infrastructure fund,
23 the department shall create the following accounts:

24 (1) A water quality protection account.

25 (2) A drinking water infrastructure revolving loan
26 account.

27 (3) A source water protection account.

28 c. Moneys deposited in the fund pursuant to paragraph "a"
29 shall be allocated as follows:

30 (1) Ten cents out of each dollar shall be deposited in the
31 water quality protection account to be used for purposes of
32 enforcing provisions of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act as
33 delegated to the state.

34 (2) Fifty cents out of each dollar shall be deposited in
35 the drinking water infrastructure revolving loan account to be

1 used for purposes of providing low-interest loans to public
2 water systems and community water systems which can comply
3 with or have the potential to comply with the financial,
4 technical, and managerial criteria of a viability assessment
5 and remain in compliance with requirements of the federal Safe
6 Drinking Water Act.

7 (3) Forty cents out of each dollar shall be deposited in
8 the source water protection account to be used for the purpose
9 of building capacity for wellhead and watershed protection
10 initiatives.

11 Sec. 2. ADVISORY COMMITTEE. The department of natural
12 resources shall form an advisory committee for purposes of
13 assisting in the development of rules to administer this Act.
14 The advisory committee shall assist in the development of
15 qualification criteria for the approval of programs and
16 projects receiving financial assistance under this Act. The
17 advisory committee shall consist of representatives from the
18 following entities:

- 19 1. The department of natural resources.
- 20 2. The department of agriculture and land stewardship.
- 21 3. Iowa state university of science and technology.
- 22 4. The college of public health at the state university of
23 Iowa.
- 24 5. The Iowa association of municipal utilities.
- 25 6. The Iowa association of water agencies.
- 26 7. The Iowa section of the American water works
27 association.
- 28 8. The Iowa rural water association.
- 29 9. The Iowa water pollution control association.
- 30 10. The Iowa league of cities.
- 31 11. The natural resources conservation service.

32 EXPLANATION

33 This bill creates a water quality needs and infrastructure
34 program and fund.

35 The bill provides that a water quality needs and

1 infrastructure program shall be implemented and administered
2 by the department of natural resources to provide financial
3 assistance for the administration, regulation, and enforcement
4 of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, and for source water
5 protection grants and infrastructure loans to water systems.

6 The bill provides that a water quality needs and
7 infrastructure fund is created in the state treasury under the
8 control of the department and, within the fund, creates a
9 water quality protection account, a drinking water
10 infrastructure revolving loan account, and a source water
11 protection account. The bill provides that revenues from the
12 sales tax on the furnishing of water shall be deposited in the
13 water quality needs and infrastructure fund instead of the
14 general fund of the state.

15 The bill provides that 10 cents out of each dollar
16 deposited in the fund shall be deposited in the water quality
17 protection account to be used for purposes of enforcing
18 provisions of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act as delegated
19 to the state. The bill provides that 50 cents out of each
20 dollar deposited in the fund shall be deposited in the
21 drinking water infrastructure revolving loan account to be
22 used for purposes of providing low-interest loans to public
23 water systems and community water systems which can comply
24 with or have the potential to comply with the financial,
25 technical, and managerial criteria of a viability assessment
26 and remain in compliance with requirements of the federal Safe
27 Drinking Water Act. The bill provides that 40 cents out of
28 each dollar deposited in the fund shall be deposited in the
29 source water protection account to be used for the purpose of
30 building capacity for wellhead and watershed protection
31 initiatives.

32 The bill provides that the department of natural resources
33 shall form an advisory committee for purposes of assisting in
34 the development of rules to administer the bill. The bill
35 provides that the advisory committee shall assist in the

1 development of qualification criteria for the approval of
2 programs and projects receiving financial assistance under the
3 bill.

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