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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a pilot project to allow certain fire
2 departments to enter into expanded mutual aid agreements, and
3 providing an appropriation.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 100B.2, Code Supplement 2005, is
2 amended by adding the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 9. Award grants to assist in
4 implementation of expanded mutual aid agreements pursuant to
5 section 28E.33. The council shall establish an application
6 process for the awarding of grants. The council shall report
7 to the general assembly as provided in section 28E.33.

8 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 28E.33 PILOT PROJECT -- EXPANDED
9 MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS.

10 1. A pilot project is created to allow expanded mutual aid
11 agreements between fire departments in counties with a
12 population of less than seventeen thousand five hundred. The
13 purpose of the pilot project is to allow those fire
14 departments that are parties to mutual aid agreements entered
15 into pursuant to section 28E.31 to engage in activities beyond
16 what is allowed under that section.

17 2. a. Expanded mutual aid agreements may provide for one
18 or more of the following:

19 (1) Joint training of personnel.

20 (2) Joint purchase of equipment, including communication
21 equipment.

22 (3) Joint use, acquisition, or construction of facilities.

23 (4) Joint use and scheduling of personnel.

24 b. An expanded mutual aid agreement shall include
25 provisions for all the specifications required in section
26 28E.5. However, parties to an expanded mutual aid agreement
27 are not required to create a separate legal or administrative
28 entity. An expanded mutual aid agreement shall also specify
29 that each fire department that is a party to the agreement
30 shall retain its separate identity and shall remain under the
31 control of the municipality that established the fire
32 department.

33 3. Parties to an expanded mutual aid agreement may apply
34 to the state fire service and emergency response council for a
35 grant to assist in implementation of the expanded mutual aid

1 agreement.

2 4. On or before January 10, 2009, the state fire service
3 and emergency response council shall report to the general
4 assembly on the use of expanded mutual aid agreements under
5 this section, on the number of grants awarded to parties to
6 expanded mutual aid agreements, the amount of each grant
7 awarded, expenditures made using the grant moneys, and any
8 other information requested by the general assembly.

9 Sec. 3. APPROPRIATION.

10 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
11 state to the division of fire protection in the department of
12 public safety for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, and
13 ending June 30, 2007, the following amount, or so much thereof
14 as is necessary, to be used for the purpose designated:

15 To fund grants awarded by the state fire service and
16 emergency response council for implementation of expanded
17 mutual aid agreements as provided in section 28E.33, if
18 enacted by this Act:
19 \$ 100,000

20 2. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in
21 this section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
22 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
23 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until
24 the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

25 EXPLANATION

26 This bill establishes a pilot project to allow fire
27 departments in counties with less than 17,500 population to
28 enter into expanded mutual aid agreements. The bill provides
29 that expanded mutual aid agreements may provide for joint
30 training, joint purchase of equipment, joint facilities, and
31 joint use and scheduling of personnel.

32 The bill appropriates \$100,000 to the division of fire
33 protection in the department of public safety for FY 2006-
34 2007. The moneys are to be used for the awarding of grants by
35 the state fire service and emergency response council to

1 assist fire departments in implementing expanded mutual aid
2 agreements.

3 The bill requires the state fire service and emergency
4 response council to report to the general assembly on or
5 before January 10, 2009, on the use of expanded mutual aid
6 agreements and on other matters relating to such agreements.

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