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(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 560)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the community empowerment initiative and
2 making an appropriation.

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

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HF 2769

1 Section 1. Section 28.1, subsection 5, Code Supplement
2 2005, is amended by striking the subsection.

3 Sec. 2. Section 28.2, subsection 2, unnumbered paragraph
4 1, Code Supplement 2005, is amended to read as follows:

5 It is intended that through the community empowerment
6 initiative~~7-by-June-307-20057~~, every community in Iowa will
7 ~~have-developed~~ develop the capacity and commitment for using
8 local decision making to achieve the following initial set of
9 desired results:

10 Sec. 3. Section 28.2, subsection 2, paragraph e, Code
11 Supplement 2005, is amended to read as follows:

12 e. Secure and nurturing child early care and education
13 environments.

14 Sec. 4. Section 28.3, subsection 2, Code Supplement 2005,
15 is amended to read as follows:

16 2. The Iowa board shall consist of ~~eighteen~~ twenty-two
17 voting members with ~~thirteen~~ sixteen citizen members and ~~five~~
18 six state agency members. The ~~five~~ six state agency members
19 shall be the directors of the following departments: economic
20 development, education, human rights, human services, and
21 public health, and workforce development. The ~~thirteen~~
22 sixteen citizen members shall be appointed by the governor,
23 subject to confirmation by the senate. The governor's
24 appointments of citizen members shall be made in a manner so
25 that each of the state's congressional districts is
26 represented by at least two citizen members and so that all
27 the appointments as a whole reflect the ethnic, cultural,
28 social, and economic diversity of the state. The governor's
29 appointees shall be selected from individuals nominated by
30 community empowerment area boards. The nominations shall
31 reflect the range of interests represented on the community
32 boards so that the governor is able to appoint one or more
33 members each for early care, education, health, human
34 services, business, faith, and public interests. At least one
35 of the citizen members shall be a service consumer or the

1 parent of a service consumer. Terms of office of all citizen
2 members are three years. A vacancy on the board shall be
3 filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the
4 balance of the unexpired term.

5 Sec. 5. Section 28.4, subsection 3, Code Supplement 2005,
6 is amended to read as follows:

7 3. Develop advanced community empowerment area
8 arrangements for those community empowerment areas which were
9 formed in transition ~~from-an-innovation-zone-or~~ from a
10 decategorization governance board or which otherwise provide
11 evidence of extensive successful experience in managing
12 services and funding with high levels of community support and
13 input.

14 Sec. 6. Section 28.4, subsection 6, Code Supplement 2005,
15 is amended by striking the subsection.

16 Sec. 7. Section 28.4, subsection 9, paragraphs a and c,
17 Code Supplement 2005, are amended to read as follows:

18 a. ~~Performance-indicators-for~~ Indicators of the
19 effectiveness of community empowerment areas, community
20 boards, and the services provided under the auspices of the
21 community boards. The performance indicators shall be
22 developed with input from community boards and shall build
23 upon the core indicators of performance effectiveness for the
24 school ready grant program, as described in section 28.8.

25 c. Core functions for ~~home-visitation~~ family support
26 services, parent support education programs, and preschool
27 services provided under a school ready children grant.

28 Sec. 8. Section 28.8, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
29 Supplement 2005, is amended to read as follows:

30 a. Identify the core indicators of-performance that will
31 be used to assess the effectiveness of the school ready
32 children grants, including encouraging the amount of early
33 intellectual stimulation of very young children, increasing
34 the basic skill levels of students entering school, increasing
35 the health status of children, reducing the incidence of child

1 abuse and neglect, ~~increasing-the-access-of-children-to-an~~
2 ~~adult-mentor,~~increasing the level of parental involvement
3 with their children, and increasing the degree of quality of
4 and accessibility of to child care.

5 Sec. 9. Section 28.8, subsection 3, paragraph b, Code
6 Supplement 2005, is amended to read as follows:

7 b. Parent Family support services and parent education
8 programs promoted to parents of children from birth through
9 five years of age. ~~Parent-support-and-education~~ The services
10 and programs shall be offered in a flexible manner to
11 accommodate the varying schedules, meeting place requirements,
12 and other needs of working parents. Family support services
13 may include but are not limited to home visitation. The
14 percentage of grant funding committed to family support
15 services and parent education programs targeted to families
16 with newborn and infant children shall be approximately sixty
17 percent.

18 Sec. 10. Section 28.8, subsection 3, paragraph c,
19 unnumbered paragraph 1, Code Supplement 2005, is amended to
20 read as follows:

21 A comprehensive school ready children grant plan developed
22 by a community board for providing services for children from
23 birth through five years of age including but not limited to
24 child development services, child care services, training
25 child care providers to encourage early intellectual
26 stimulation of very young children, children's health and
27 safety services, assessment services to identify chemically
28 exposed infants and children, ~~and-parent~~ family support
29 services, and parent education services programs. At a
30 minimum, the plan shall do all of the following:

31 Sec. 11. Section 28.8, subsection 6, Code Supplement 2005,
32 is amended to read as follows:

33 6. The priorities for school ready children grant funds
34 shall include providing preschool services on a voluntary
35 basis to children deemed at risk of not succeeding in

1 elementary school, training child care providers and others to
2 encourage early intellectual stimulation of very young
3 children, and offering parent family support services and
4 parent education programs on a voluntary basis to parents of
5 children from birth through five years of age. The grant
6 funds also may be used to provide other services to children
7 from birth through five years of age as specified in the
8 comprehensive school ready children grant plan.

9 Sec. 12. Section 28.9, subsection 1, Code Supplement 2005,
10 is amended to read as follows:

11 1. An Iowa empowerment fund is created in the state
12 treasury. The moneys in credited to the Iowa empowerment fund
13 are not subject to section 8.33 and moneys in the fund shall
14 not be transferred, used, obligated, appropriated, or
15 otherwise encumbered except as provided by law.
16 Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or
17 earnings on moneys deposited in the Iowa empowerment fund
18 shall be credited to the fund.

19 Sec. 13. Section 28.9, subsection 4, Code Supplement 2005,
20 is amended to read as follows:

21 ~~4-~~ 2A. ~~Beginning July 1, 1999, unless~~ Unless a different
22 amount is authorized by law, up to three percent, ~~not to~~
23 ~~exceed sixty thousand dollars,~~ of the school ready children
24 grant moneys distributed under the auspices of the Iowa board
25 to a community empowerment area board may be used by the
26 community board for administrative costs and other
27 implementation expenses.

28 Sec. 14. Section 28.9, Code Supplement 2005, is amended by
29 adding the following new subsection:

30 NEW SUBSECTION. 5. A community empowerment gifts and
31 grants account is created in the Iowa empowerment fund under
32 the authority of the department of management. The account
33 shall consist of gift or grant moneys obtained from any
34 source, including but not limited to the federal government.
35 Moneys credited to the account are appropriated to the

1 department of management to be used for the community
2 empowerment-related purposes for which the moneys were
3 received.

4 Sec. 15. Section 135.106, subsection 3, Code 2005, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 3. It is the intent of the general assembly to provide
7 communities with the discretion and authority to redesign
8 existing local programs and services targeted at and assisting
9 families expecting babies and families with children who are
10 newborn through five years of age. The Iowa department of
11 public health, department of human services, department of
12 education, and other state agencies and programs, as
13 appropriate, shall provide technical assistance and support to
14 communities desiring to redesign their local programs and
15 shall facilitate the consolidation of existing state funding
16 appropriated and made available to the community for family
17 support services. Funds which are consolidated in accordance
18 with this subsection shall be used to support the redesigned
19 service delivery system. In redesigning services, communities
20 are encouraged to implement a single uniform family risk
21 assessment mechanism and shall demonstrate the potential for
22 improved outcomes for children and families. Requests by
23 local communities for the redesigning of services shall be
24 submitted to the Iowa department of public health, department
25 of human services, and department of education, and are
26 subject to the approval of the Iowa empowerment board in
27 consultation with the departments, based on the ~~innovation~~
28 ~~zone-principles-established-in-section-8A-27--Code-1997~~
29 practices utilized with community empowerment areas under
30 chapter 28.

31 EXPLANATION

32 This bill relates to the community empowerment initiative.
33 The definition of the term "innovation zone" is stricken in
34 Code section 28.1, and other references are deleted in Code
35 section 28.4 and in Code section 135.106, relating to the

1 healthy families Iowa program. Innovation zones were created
2 on a pilot project basis in 1996 and transition language was
3 included when the innovation zone approach was replaced with
4 the passage of the Iowa empowerment initiative in 1998.

5 Code section 28.2 provisions stating the desired initial
6 results for the initiative are amended to strike the reference
7 to a June 30, 2005, target date for when communities will have
8 developed the capacity and commitment to achieve the initial
9 desired results. In addition, the desired result for "secure
10 and nurturing child care environments" is restated to be
11 directed to "early care and education environments".

12 Code section 28.3, relating to the Iowa empowerment board,
13 is amended to expand the voting membership from 18 to 22
14 members. Agency director membership is expanded from five to
15 six to include the director of the department of workforce
16 development. The other three are added to the citizen
17 members.

18 Terminology changes are made in Code sections 28.4 and 28.8
19 from "performance indicators" to "indicators of effectiveness"
20 and "home visitation and parent support" to "family support
21 services and parent education programs".

22 Code section 28.8 is also amended to codify a requirement
23 that approximately 60 percent of school ready children grant
24 funding is required to be committed to family support services
25 and parent education programs targeted to families with
26 newborn and infant children. A similar directive was included
27 in session law enacted in 1999 Iowa Acts, chapter 190.

28 Code section 28.9, relating to the Iowa empowerment fund
29 and the accounts within that fund, is amended. Current law
30 limits administrative expenditures from school ready children
31 grant funding by community empowerment areas to 3 percent. A
32 further maximum restriction of \$60,000 within that limit is
33 deleted. A new community empowerment gifts and grants account
34 is created within the fund under the authority of the
35 department of management. The account is to consist of gift

1 or grant moneys from any source, including the federal
2 government. The moneys in the account are appropriated to the
3 department of management to be used for the purposes for which
4 the moneys were received.

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H-8437

- 1 Amend House File 2769 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 3, line 29, by inserting before the word
- 3 "At" the following: "In addition, the plan may
- 4 provide for provision of before and after school
- 5 programs for school-age children."
- 6 2. Page 4, line 7, by inserting after the word
- 7 "age" the following: "and before and after school
- 8 programs for school-age children".

By FORD of Polk

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HOUSE FILE 2769

H-8552

1 Amend House File 2769 as follows:

2 1. Page 5, by inserting after line 3 the
3 following:

4 "Sec. ____ . NEW SECTION. 28.11 PUBLIC-PRIVATE
5 PARTNERSHIPS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND EARLY
6 CHILDHOOD EDUCATION.

7 1. FINDINGS. The general assembly finds all of
8 the following in regard to the relationship between
9 economic development efforts and early childhood
10 education:

11 a. That economic development and education are
12 intrinsically linked; one is not successful without
13 the other.

14 b. That strong economic growth cannot occur or be
15 maintained without a strong early childhood education
16 system that begins at birth and continues into older
17 ages.

18 c. That investments in high-quality early
19 childhood education will save significant costs by
20 avoiding the future need for extensive special
21 education, criminal justice, public assistance, and
22 child welfare services.

23 d. That Iowa has a wide variety of investors in
24 early childhood education, ranging from parents to
25 federal and state governments and the private sector.

26 e. That the state's economic development and early
27 childhood education efforts can be greatly improved by
28 supporting public and private partnerships dedicated
29 to enhancing early childhood education.

30 2. PUBLIC POLICY. The Iowa empowerment board, the
31 community empowerment office, and the community
32 empowerment assistance team, shall give priority to
33 supporting efforts at the state and community
34 empowerment area levels to build public-private
35 partnerships for economic development through
36 enhancing early childhood education.

37 3. BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE.

38 a. The Iowa empowerment board shall establish a
39 blue ribbon public-private partnership committee to
40 develop a framework for building integrated, high-
41 quality early childhood education programs in all
42 areas of the state. The blue ribbon committee shall
43 be directed to report to the board, the governor, and
44 the general assembly regarding the framework and other
45 findings and recommendations on or before December 15,
46 2006, so that the recommendations can be incorporated
47 into the governor's budget proposal and the general
48 assembly's budget deliberations for the 2007
49 legislative session.

50 b. The membership of the blue ribbon committee

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1 shall include but is not limited to all of the
2 following:

3 (1) The directors of the departments of economic
4 development, education, human rights, human services,
5 and public health, or their designees.

6 (2) Two representatives of private sector
7 employers from nominations provided by the Iowa
8 business council.

9 (3) One representative of for-profit organizations
10 providing services to young children or early
11 childhood education.

12 (4) One representative of nonprofit organizations
13 providing services to young children or early
14 childhood education.

15 (5) One representative of home-based providers of
16 services to young children or early childhood
17 education.

18 (6) One representative of religious organizations
19 providing services to young children.

20 (7) One representative of organizations providing
21 funding for services to young children or early
22 childhood education.

23 (8) One school superintendent from a rural area.

24 (9) One school superintendent from an urban area.

25 (10) One public school educator who works with
26 kindergarten-age and younger children.

27 (11) One parent who is involved with school
28 organizations such as the parent-teacher association.

29 c. The committee's deliberations and
30 recommendations shall include but are not limited to
31 all of the following:

32 (1) Identifying the types of programs that are
33 best for improving the quality of early childhood
34 education.

35 (2) A strategy for blending child care and
36 preschool into a seamless system.

37 (3) A best approach for identifying standards and
38 quality in early childhood education.

39 (4) A strategy for blending funding for early
40 childhood education services from the public sector
41 and the private sector, including but not limited to
42 the funding provided by businesses and individual
43 families.

44 (5) An approach for committing funding designated
45 for economic development to early childhood education,
46 including but not limited to funding from the vision
47 Iowa program, the grow Iowa values fund, and similar
48 sources.

49 (6) A strategy for community empowerment area
50 boards to develop and implement local public-private

- 1 partnership networks and apply for state and private
2 funding to implement innovative childhood education
3 programming, or to be able to apply for competitive
4 grants to enhance the partnership networks. The
5 committee shall give consideration to adapting the
6 smart start approach utilized in North Carolina.
7 (7) A best process for evaluating early childhood
8 education services on an annual or other periodic
9 basis.
10 d. Staff and administrative support for the blue
11 ribbon committee shall be provided by the community
12 empowerment office and the community empowerment
13 assistance team.
14 e. This subsection is repealed July 1, 2008."
15 2. By renumbering as necessary.

By FOEGE of Linn
HEATON of Henry
BOAL of Polk

HOUSE FILE 2769

H-8559

- 1 Amend the amendment, H-8552, to House File 2769 as
2 follows:
3 1. Page 1, line 5, by striking the words
4 "ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND".
5 2. Page 1, by striking lines 7 through 29.
6 3. Page 1, lines 32 and 33, by striking the words
7 "give priority to supporting" and inserting the
8 following: "support".
9 4. Page 1, line 35, by striking the words
10 "economic development through".
11 5. Page 2, by inserting after line 24 the
12 following:
13 "() One nonpublic school superintendent."
14 6. Page 2, by inserting after line 26 the
15 following:
16 "() One nonpublic school educator who works
17 with kindergarten-age and younger children."
18 7. Page 2, by striking lines 32 through 34.
19 8. Page 2, by striking lines 44 through 48.
20 9. Page 3, line 4, by striking the word "The".
21 10. Page 3, by striking lines 5 and 6.
22 11. Page 3, by inserting after line 9 the
23 following:
24 "dd. The committee shall gather information on the
25 total number of children in the state who are served
26 by public and community preschool providers."
27 12. By renumbering as necessary.

By TYMESON of Madison

H-8559 FILED APRIL 19, 2006

HOUSE FILE 2769

H-8590

- 1 Amend the amendment, H-8558, to House File 2769 as
2 follows:
3 1. Page 1, line 15, by inserting before the word
4 "Terms" the following: "Each community empowerment
5 area board is strongly encouraged to include members
6 who reflect the ethnic and racial diversity of the
7 community empowerment area."

By FORD of Polk

H-8590 FILED MAY 1, 2006

HOUSE FILE 2769

H-8558

1 Amend House File 2769 as follows:

2 1. Page 2, by inserting after line 27 the
3 following:

4 "Sec. ____ Section 28.6, subsection 1, paragraph
5 a, Code Supplement 2005, is amended to read as
6 follows:

7 a. Community empowerment area functions shall be
8 performed under the authority of a community
9 empowerment area board. A majority of the members of
10 a community board shall be elected officials and
11 members of the public who are not employed by a
12 provider of services to or for the community board.
13 At least one member shall be a service consumer or the
14 parent of a service consumer. At least one member
15 shall be a provider of early care services. Terms of
16 office of community board members shall be not more
17 than three years and the terms shall be staggered.
18 The membership of a community empowerment area board
19 shall include members with early care, education,
20 health, human services, business, faith, and public
21 interests."

22 2. Page 3, line 23, by inserting after the word
23 "age" the following: "who are not enrolled in
24 elementary school".

25 3. By renumbering as necessary.

By TYMESON of Madison

H-8558 FILED APRIL 19, 2006

H-8600

1 Amend House File 2769 as follows:

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

4 "DIVISION I
5 CODE CHANGES"

6 2. Page 3, by striking lines 13 through 17 and
7 inserting the following: "shall include but are not
8 limited to home visitation. After a community
9 empowerment area board has committed the portion of
10 school ready grant funding that is designated or
11 authorized by law to be used or set aside for a
12 particular purpose, the community board shall commit
13 approximately sixty percent of the remainder to family
14 support services and parent education programs
15 targeted to families with newborn and infant
16 children."

17 3. Page 5, by inserting after line 30 the
18 following:

19 "DIVISION II
20 EARLY CHILDHOOD APPROPRIATIONS

21 Sec. ____ . FAMILY SUPPORT AND PARENT EDUCATION --
22 FY 2006-2007 THROUGH FY 2008-2009. There is
23 appropriated from the general fund of the state to the
24 department of education for deposit in the school
25 ready children grants account of the Iowa empowerment
26 fund for each fiscal year of the period beginning July
27 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2009, the following
28 amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used
29 for the purposes designated:

30 For family support services and parent education
31 programs targeted to families with newborn and infant
32 children through age three, in accordance with this
33 section:

34 \$ 5,000,000

35 The amount appropriated in this section shall be
36 distributed in each of the fiscal years as part of the
37 school ready children grant program funding using the
38 distribution formula approved by the Iowa empowerment
39 board and shall be used by a community empowerment
40 area only for family support services and parent
41 education programs targeted to families with newborn
42 and infant children through age three.

43 Sec. ____ . EARLY CHILDHOOD AND PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS
44 -- FY 2006-2007.

45 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of
46 the state to the school ready children grants account
47 of the Iowa empowerment fund for the fiscal year
48 beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007, the
49 following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary,
50 to be used for the purposes designated:

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1 For early childhood and preschool programs, in
2 accordance with this section:

3 \$ 10,000,000

4 2. Of the amount appropriated in subsection 1,
5 \$5,500,000 is allocated to increase the funding
6 designated for distribution to community empowerment
7 areas to assist low-income parents with preschool
8 tuition in order to increase the basic family income
9 eligibility requirement from not more than 185 percent
10 of the federal poverty level to not more than 200
11 percent of the federal poverty level. In addition, if
12 sufficient funding is available after addressing the
13 needs of those who meet the basic income eligibility
14 requirement, a community empowerment area board may
15 provide for eligibility for those with a family income
16 in excess of the basic income eligibility requirement
17 through use of a sliding scale or other copayment
18 provision.

19 3. Of the amount appropriated in subsection 1,
20 \$3,500,000 is allocated for efforts to improve the
21 quality of early childhood and preschool programs.
22 The Iowa empowerment board may reserve a portion of
23 the allocation, not to exceed \$100,000 for the
24 technical assistance expenses of the Iowa empowerment
25 office and shall distribute the remainder to community
26 empowerment areas for local quality improvement
27 efforts through a methodology identified by the board
28 to make the most productive use of the funding, which
29 may include use of the distribution formula, grants,
30 or other means.

31 4. a. Of the amount appropriated in subsection 1,
32 \$1,000,000 shall be credited to the community
33 empowerment gifts and grants account created in this
34 Act within the Iowa empowerment fund. The amount
35 credited shall be reserved for distribution to
36 implement those recommendations of the business
37 community investment advisory council created in this
38 subsection that are approved for implementation by the
39 Iowa empowerment board. Not more than 3 percent of
40 the amount allocated in this subsection shall be used
41 for the expenses of the advisory council created in
42 this subsection.

43 b. A business community investment advisory
44 council is created to advise the Iowa empowerment
45 board. The membership of the advisory council shall
46 be appointed by the governor in a manner to ensure
47 there is representation for rural and urban interests,
48 various geographic areas of the state, and different
49 sizes of businesses. The membership shall be
50 appointed as follows:

- 1 (1) Two members from nominees provided by the Iowa
2 business council.
 - 3 (2) Two members from nominees provided by the Iowa
4 association of business and industry.
 - 5 (3) One member from nominees provided by the Iowa
6 chamber alliance.
 - 7 (4) One member from nominees provided by the
8 professional developers of Iowa.
 - 9 (5) Three members representing early childhood
10 services providers from nominees provided by the state
11 child care advisory council so that representation is
12 provided for for-profit child development home
13 providers, for-profit child care center providers, and
14 nonprofit child care center providers.
 - 15 (6) One member representing school administrators
16 who have responsibilities involving a public preschool
17 program from nominees provided by the school
18 administrators of Iowa.
 - 19 (7) One member representing kindergarten teachers
20 from nominees provided by the Iowa state education
21 association, professional educators of Iowa, and
22 nonpublic schools.
 - 23 (8) One parent of a child from birth through age
24 five who is not attending kindergarten from nominees
25 submitted by a community empowerment area board.
 - 26 (9) The directors of the state agencies
27 represented on the Iowa empowerment board may serve as
28 nonvoting, ex officio members of the advisory council.
- 29 c. The advisory council shall advise the Iowa
30 empowerment board on the best means to leverage
31 private investment in early childhood services and
32 provide options for creating model projects for
33 public-private partnerships to support quality early
34 childhood programming in communities. The advisory
35 council shall complete its deliberations by submitting
36 a report with recommendations and findings to the Iowa
37 empowerment board on or before December 31, 2006. The
38 report shall address all of the following in addition
39 to other items identified by the advisory council:
- 40 (1) A strategy for blending funding for early
41 childhood services from the public sector and the
42 private sector, including but not limited to the
43 funding provided by businesses and individual
44 families. The advisory council shall consider an
45 approach based on that used for the vision Iowa
46 program, the grow Iowa values fund, and other economic
47 models.
 - 48 (2) A strategy for community empowerment area
49 boards to develop and implement local public-private
50 partnership networks and apply for state and private

1 funding to implement innovative early childhood
2 programming, or to be able to apply for competitive
3 grants to enhance such partnership networks. The
4 advisory council shall give consideration to similar
5 approaches that have been successful in other states.

6 (3) A strategy for requiring local match funding
7 for a community empowerment area to access the funding
8 allocated in this subsection.

9 (4) Accountability and evaluation measures.

10 (5) Provisions to ensure efficiency.

11 Sec. ____ . EARLY CHILDHOOD AND PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

12 -- FY 2007-2008 AND 2008-2009.

13 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of
14 the state to the department of education for deposit
15 in the school ready children grants account of the
16 Iowa empowerment fund for each fiscal year of the
17 fiscal period beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June
18 30, 2009, the following amount, or so much thereof as
19 is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

20 For early childhood and preschool programs, to
21 continue programs and initiatives developed pursuant
22 to the appropriation made in this division of this Act
23 for this purpose for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
24 2006:
25 \$ 15,000,000

26 2. Expenditure of the amounts appropriated in this
27 section is subject to enactment of law specifying how
28 the amounts are to be distributed. It is the intent
29 of the general assembly that the increase in funding
30 provided by this section of \$5,000,000 over the amount
31 appropriated in this division of this Act for the same
32 purpose for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006,
33 will be designated for the expansion of the
34 initiatives implemented pursuant to the business
35 community investment advisory council recommendations
36 adopted pursuant to this Act."

37 4. Title page, line 2, by striking the words "an
38 appropriation" and inserting the following:
39 "appropriations".

40 5. By renumbering as necessary.

By TYMESON of Madison

UPMEYER of Hancock

FOEGE of Linn

HEATON of Henry

H-8600 FILED MAY 2, 2006

WITHDRAWN

HOUSE FILE 2769

H-8608

1 Amend House File 2769 as follows:

2 1. Page 5, by inserting before line 31 the
3 following:

4 "Sec. ____ . PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING
5 ACTIVITIES. The amounts credited to the Iowa
6 empowerment fund for purposes of professional
7 development and training activities for the fiscal
8 year beginning July 1, 2006, in 2006 Iowa Acts, House
9 File 2527 and House File 2734, if enacted, are
10 appropriated to be used as provided in this section.
11 For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, the Iowa
12 empowerment board shall phase out the professional
13 development activities that began in the previous
14 fiscal year through community empowerment area boards.
15 The designated amounts shall be used for support of
16 professional development and training activities for
17 persons working in early care, health, and education
18 by the Iowa empowerment board in collaboration with
19 representation from Iowa state university of science
20 and technology cooperative extension service in
21 agriculture and home economics, area education
22 agencies, community colleges, child care resource and
23 referral services, and community empowerment area
24 boards. Expenditures shall be limited to professional
25 development and training activities agreed upon by the
26 parties participating in the collaboration."
27 2. By renumbering as necessary.

By HEATON of Henry
FOEGE of Linn
TYMESON of Madison

H-8608 FILED MAY 2, 2006

ADOPTED

HOUSE FILE 2769

H-8623

1 Amend House File 2769 as follows:

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

4 "DIVISION I
5 CODE CHANGES"

6 2. Page 3, by striking lines 13 through 17 and
7 inserting the following: "shall include but are not
8 limited to home visitation. After a community
9 empowerment area board has committed the portion of
10 school ready grant funding that is designated or
11 authorized by law to be used or set aside for a
12 particular purpose, the community board shall commit
13 approximately sixty percent of the remainder to family
14 support services and parent education programs
15 targeted to families with children who are newborn
16 through age five."

17 3. Page 5, by inserting after line 30 the
18 following:

19 "DIVISION II
20 APPROPRIATIONS -- EARLY CARE, HEALTH, AND
21 EDUCATION PROGRAMS

22 Sec. ____ . FAMILY SUPPORT AND PARENT EDUCATION --
23 FY 2006-2007 THROUGH FY 2008-2009. There is
24 appropriated from the general fund of the state to the
25 department of education for deposit in the school
26 ready children grants account of the Iowa empowerment
27 fund for each fiscal year of the period beginning July
28 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2009, the following
29 amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used
30 for the purposes designated:

31 For family support services and parent education
32 programs targeted to families expecting a child or
33 with newborn and infant children through age three, in
34 accordance with this section:

35 \$ 5,000,000

36 The amount appropriated in this section shall be
37 distributed in each of the fiscal years as part of the
38 school ready children grant program funding using the
39 distribution formula approved by the Iowa empowerment
40 board and shall be used by a community empowerment
41 area only for family support services and parent
42 education programs targeted to families expecting a
43 child or with newborn and infant children through age
44 three.

45 Sec. ____ . EARLY CARE, HEALTH, AND EDUCATION
46 PROGRAMS -- FY 2006-2007.

47 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of
48 the state to the school ready children grants account
49 of the Iowa empowerment fund for the fiscal year
50 beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007, the

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1 following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary,
2 to be used for the purposes designated:

3 For early care, health, and education programs, in
4 accordance with this section:

5 \$ 10,000,000

6 2. Of the amount appropriated in subsection 1,
7 \$5,500,000 is allocated to increase the funding
8 designated for distribution to community empowerment
9 areas to assist low-income parents with tuition for
10 preschool for children ages four and five who are not
11 attending kindergarten in order to increase the basic
12 family income eligibility requirement to not more than
13 200 percent of the federal poverty level. In
14 addition, if sufficient funding is available after
15 addressing the needs of those who meet the basic
16 income eligibility requirement, a community
17 empowerment area board may provide for eligibility for
18 those with a family income in excess of the basic
19 income eligibility requirement through use of a
20 sliding scale or other copayment provision.

21 3. Of the amount appropriated in subsection 1,
22 \$3,500,000 is allocated for efforts to improve the
23 quality of early care, health, and education programs.
24 The Iowa empowerment board may reserve a portion of
25 the allocation, not to exceed \$100,000 for the
26 technical assistance expenses of the Iowa empowerment
27 office and shall distribute the remainder to community
28 empowerment areas for local quality improvement
29 efforts through a methodology identified by the board
30 to make the most productive use of the funding, which
31 may include use of the distribution formula, grants,
32 or other means.

33 4. a. Of the amount appropriated in subsection 1,
34 \$1,000,000 shall be credited to the community
35 empowerment gifts and grants account created in this
36 Act within the Iowa empowerment fund. The amount
37 credited shall be reserved for distribution to
38 implement those recommendations of the business
39 community investment advisory council created in this
40 subsection that are approved for implementation by the
41 Iowa empowerment board. Not more than 3 percent of
42 the amount allocated in this subsection shall be used
43 for the expenses of the advisory council created in
44 this subsection.

45 b. A business community investment advisory
46 council is created to advise the Iowa empowerment
47 board. The membership of the advisory council shall
48 be appointed by the governor in a manner to ensure
49 there is representation for rural and urban interests,
50 various geographic areas of the state, and different

1 sizes of businesses. The membership shall be
2 appointed as follows:

3 (1) Two members from nominees provided by the Iowa
4 business council.

5 (2) Two members from nominees provided by the Iowa
6 association of business and industry.

7 (3) One member from nominees provided by the Iowa
8 chamber alliance.

9 (4) One member from nominees provided by the
10 professional developers of Iowa.

11 (5) Three members representing early care, health,
12 and education services providers from nominees
13 provided by the state child care advisory council so
14 that representation is provided for for-profit child
15 development home providers, for-profit child care
16 center providers, and nonprofit child care center
17 providers.

18 (6) One member representing school administrators
19 who have responsibilities involving a public preschool
20 program from nominees provided by the school
21 administrators of Iowa.

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23 from nominees provided by the Iowa state education
24 association, professional educators of Iowa, and
25 nonpublic schools.

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27 five who is not attending kindergarten from nominees
28 submitted by community empowerment area boards.

29 (9) The directors of the state agencies
30 represented on the Iowa empowerment board may serve as
31 nonvoting, ex officio members of the advisory council.

32 c. The advisory council shall advise the Iowa
33 empowerment board on the best means to leverage
34 private investment in early care, health, and
35 education services and provide options for creating
36 model projects for public-private partnerships to
37 support quality early care, health, and education
38 programming in communities. The advisory council
39 shall complete its deliberations by submitting a
40 report with recommendations and findings to the Iowa
41 empowerment board on or before December 31, 2006. The
42 report shall address all of the following in addition
43 to other items identified by the advisory council:

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45 care, health, and education services from the public
46 sector and the private sector, including but not
47 limited to the funding provided by businesses and
48 individual families. The advisory council shall
49 consider an approach based on that used for the vision
50 Iowa program, the grow Iowa values fund, and other

1 economic models.
2 (2) A strategy for community empowerment area
3 boards to develop and implement local public-private
4 partnership networks and apply for state and private
5 funding to implement innovative early care, health,
6 and education programming, or to be able to apply for
7 competitive grants to enhance such partnership
8 networks. The advisory council shall give
9 consideration to similar approaches that have been
10 successful in other states.

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13 allocated in this subsection.

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17 PROGRAMS -- FY 2007-2008 AND 2008-2009.

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19 the state to the department of education for deposit
20 in the school ready children grants account of the
21 Iowa empowerment fund for each fiscal year of the
22 fiscal period beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June
23 30, 2009, the following amount, or so much thereof as
24 is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

25 For early care, health, and education and preschool
26 programs, to continue programs and initiatives
27 developed pursuant to the appropriation made in this
28 division of this Act for this purpose for the fiscal
29 year beginning July 1, 2006:
30 \$ 15,000,000

31 2. Expenditure of the amounts appropriated in this
32 section is subject to enactment of law specifying how
33 the amounts are to be distributed. It is the intent
34 of the general assembly that the increase in funding
35 provided by this section of \$5,000,000 over the amount
36 appropriated in this division of this Act for the same
37 purpose for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006,
38 will be designated for the expansion of the
39 initiatives implemented pursuant to the business
40 community investment advisory council recommendations
41 adopted pursuant to this Act."

42 4. Title page, line 2, by striking the words "an
43 appropriation" and inserting the following:
44 "appropriations".

45 5. By renumbering as necessary.

By TYMESON of Madison UPMEYER of Hancock
FOEGE of Linn HEATON of Henry

HOUSE FILE 2769
BY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2320)
(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 560)

(As Amended and Passed by the House May 2, 2006)

Re- Passed House, Date 5-3-06 Passed Senate, Date 5-3-06
Vote: Ayes 93 Nays 0 Vote: Ayes 49 Nays 0
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the community empowerment initiative and
2 making appropriations.

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

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House Amendments _____

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DIVISION I
CODE CHANGES

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4 2005, is amended by striking the subsection.

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6 1, Code Supplement 2005, is amended to read as follows:

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11 desired results:

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17 is amended to read as follows:

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19 voting members with ~~thirteen~~ sixteen citizen members and ~~five~~
20 six state agency members. The ~~five~~ six state agency members
21 shall be the directors of the following departments: economic
22 development, education, human rights, human services, and
23 public health, and workforce development. The ~~thirteen~~
24 sixteen citizen members shall be appointed by the governor,
25 subject to confirmation by the senate. The governor's
26 appointments of citizen members shall be made in a manner so
27 that each of the state's congressional districts is
28 represented by at least two citizen members and so that all
29 the appointments as a whole reflect the ethnic, cultural,
30 social, and economic diversity of the state. The governor's
31 appointees shall be selected from individuals nominated by
32 community empowerment area boards. The nominations shall
33 reflect the range of interests represented on the community
34 boards so that the governor is able to appoint one or more
35 members each for early care, education, health, human

1 services, business, faith, and public interests. At least one
2 of the citizen members shall be a service consumer or the
3 parent of a service consumer. Terms of office of all citizen
4 members are three years. A vacancy on the board shall be
5 filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the
6 balance of the unexpired term.

7 Sec. 5. Section 28.4, subsection 3, Code Supplement 2005,
8 is amended to read as follows:

9 3. Develop advanced community empowerment area
10 arrangements for those community empowerment areas which were
11 formed in transition ~~from-an-innovation-zone-or~~ from a
12 decategorization governance board or which otherwise provide
13 evidence of extensive successful experience in managing
14 services and funding with high levels of community support and
15 input.

16 Sec. 6. Section 28.4, subsection 6, Code Supplement 2005,
17 is amended by striking the subsection.

18 Sec. 7. Section 28.4, subsection 9, paragraphs a and c,
19 Code Supplement 2005, are amended to read as follows:

20 a. ~~Performance-indicators-for~~ Indicators of the
21 effectiveness of community empowerment areas, community
22 boards, and the services provided under the auspices of the
23 community boards. The ~~performance~~ indicators shall be
24 developed with input from community boards and shall build
25 upon the core indicators of ~~performance~~ effectiveness for the
26 school ready grant program, as described in section 28.8.

27 c. Core functions for ~~home-visitation~~ family support
28 services, parent ~~support~~ education programs, and preschool
29 services provided under a school ready children grant.

30 Sec. 8. Section 28.8, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
31 Supplement 2005, is amended to read as follows:

32 a. Identify the ~~core~~ indicators of ~~performance~~ that will
33 be used to assess the effectiveness of the school ready
34 children grants, including ~~encouraging~~ the amount of early
35 intellectual stimulation of very young children, ~~increasing~~

1 the basic skill levels of students entering school, ~~increasing~~
2 the health status of children, ~~reducing~~ the incidence of child
3 abuse and neglect, ~~increasing-the-access-of-children-to-an~~
4 ~~adult-mentor,-increasing~~ the level of parental involvement
5 with their children, and ~~increasing~~ the degree of quality of
6 and accessibility ~~of~~ to child care.

7 Sec. 9. Section 28.8, subsection 3, paragraph b, Code
8 Supplement 2005, is amended to read as follows:

9 b. Parent Family support services and parent education
10 programs promoted to parents of children from birth through
11 five years of age. ~~Parent-support-and-education~~ The services
12 and programs shall be offered in a flexible manner to
13 accommodate the varying schedules, meeting place requirements,
14 and other needs of working parents. Family support services
15 shall include but are not limited to home visitation. After a
16 community empowerment area board has committed the portion of
17 school ready grant funding that is designated or authorized by
18 law to be used or set aside for a particular purpose, the
19 community board shall commit approximately sixty percent of
20 the remainder to family support services and parent education
21 programs targeted to families with children who are newborn
22 through age five.

23 Sec. 10. Section 28.8, subsection 3, paragraph c,
24 unnumbered paragraph 1, Code Supplement 2005, is amended to
25 read as follows:

26 A comprehensive school ready children grant plan developed
27 by a community board for providing services for children from
28 birth through five years of age including but not limited to
29 child development services, child care services, training
30 child care providers to encourage early intellectual
31 stimulation of very young children, children's health and
32 safety services, assessment services to identify chemically
33 exposed infants and children, ~~and-parent~~ family support
34 services, and parent education services programs. At a
35 minimum, the plan shall do all of the following:

1 Sec. 11. Section 28.8, subsection 6, Code Supplement 2005,
2 is amended to read as follows:

3 6. The priorities for school ready children grant funds
4 shall include providing preschool services on a voluntary
5 basis to children deemed at risk of not succeeding in
6 elementary school, training child care providers and others to
7 encourage early intellectual stimulation of very young
8 children, and offering parent family support services and
9 parent education programs on a voluntary basis to parents of
10 children from birth through five years of age. The grant
11 funds also may be used to provide other services to children
12 from birth through five years of age as specified in the
13 comprehensive school ready children grant plan.

14 Sec. 12. Section 28.9, subsection 1, Code Supplement 2005,
15 is amended to read as follows:

16 1. An Iowa empowerment fund is created in the state
17 treasury. The moneys in credited to the Iowa empowerment fund
18 are not subject to section 8.33 and moneys in the fund shall
19 not be transferred, used, obligated, appropriated, or
20 otherwise encumbered except as provided by law.
21 Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or
22 earnings on moneys deposited in the Iowa empowerment fund
23 shall be credited to the fund.

24 Sec. 13. Section 28.9, subsection 4, Code Supplement 2005,
25 is amended to read as follows:

26 4. 2A. Beginning-July-1,-1999,-unless Unless a different
27 amount is authorized by law, up to three percent, ~~not to~~
28 ~~exceed-sixty-thousand-dollars,~~ of the school ready children
29 grant moneys distributed under the auspices of the Iowa board
30 to a community empowerment area board may be used by the
31 community board for administrative costs and other
32 implementation expenses.

33 Sec. 14. Section 28.9, Code Supplement 2005, is amended by
34 adding the following new subsection:

35 NEW SUBSECTION. 5. A community empowerment gifts and

1 grants account is created in the Iowa empowerment fund under
2 the authority of the department of management. The account
3 shall consist of gift or grant moneys obtained from any
4 source, including but not limited to the federal government.
5 Moneys credited to the account are appropriated to the
6 department of management to be used for the community
7 empowerment-related purposes for which the moneys were
8 received.

9 Sec. 15. Section 135.106, subsection 3, Code 2005, is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 3. It is the intent of the general assembly to provide
12 communities with the discretion and authority to redesign
13 existing local programs and services targeted at and assisting
14 families expecting babies and families with children who are
15 newborn through five years of age. The Iowa department of
16 public health, department of human services, department of
17 education, and other state agencies and programs, as
18 appropriate, shall provide technical assistance and support to
19 communities desiring to redesign their local programs and
20 shall facilitate the consolidation of existing state funding
21 appropriated and made available to the community for family
22 support services. Funds which are consolidated in accordance
23 with this subsection shall be used to support the redesigned
24 service delivery system. In redesigning services, communities
25 are encouraged to implement a single uniform family risk
26 assessment mechanism and shall demonstrate the potential for
27 improved outcomes for children and families. Requests by
28 local communities for the redesigning of services shall be
29 submitted to the Iowa department of public health, department
30 of human services, and department of education, and are
31 subject to the approval of the Iowa empowerment board in
32 consultation with the departments, based on the innovation
33 zone-principles-established-in-section-8A-27-Code-1997
34 practices utilized with community empowerment areas under
35 chapter 28.

DIVISION II

APPROPRIATIONS -- EARLY CARE, HEALTH, AND
EDUCATION PROGRAMS

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2 Sec. 16. FAMILY SUPPORT AND PARENT EDUCATION -- FY
3 2006-2007 THROUGH FY 2008-2009. There is appropriated from
4 the general fund of the state to the department of education
5 for deposit in the school ready children grants account of the
6 Iowa empowerment fund for each fiscal year of the period
7 beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2009, the
8 following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
9 used for the purposes designated:

10 For family support services and parent education programs
11 targeted to families expecting a child or with newborn and
12 infant children through age three, in accordance with this
13 section:
14 \$ 5,000,000

15 The amount appropriated in this section shall be
16 distributed in each of the fiscal years as part of the school
17 ready children grant program funding using the distribution
18 formula approved by the Iowa empowerment board and shall be
19 used by a community empowerment area only for family support
20 services and parent education programs targeted to families
21 expecting a child or with newborn and infant children through
22 age three.

23 Sec. 17. EARLY CARE, HEALTH, AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS -- FY
24 2006-2007.

25 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
26 state to the school ready children grants account of the Iowa
27 empowerment fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006,
28 and ending June 30, 2007, the following amount, or so much
29 thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
30 designated:

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32 accordance with this section:
33 \$ 10,000,000

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2 is allocated to increase the funding designated for
3 distribution to community empowerment areas to assist
4 low-income parents with tuition for preschool for children
5 ages four and five who are not attending kindergarten in order
6 to increase the basic family income eligibility requirement to
7 not more than 200 percent of the federal poverty level. In
8 addition, if sufficient funding is available after addressing
9 the needs of those who meet the basic income eligibility
10 requirement, a community empowerment area board may provide
11 for eligibility for those with a family income in excess of
12 the basic income eligibility requirement through use of a
13 sliding scale or other copayment provision.

14 3. Of the amount appropriated in subsection 1, \$3,500,000
15 is allocated for efforts to improve the quality of early care,
16 health, and education programs. The Iowa empowerment board
17 may reserve a portion of the allocation, not to exceed
18 \$100,000 for the technical assistance expenses of the Iowa
19 empowerment office and shall distribute the remainder to
20 community empowerment areas for local quality improvement
21 efforts through a methodology identified by the board to make
22 the most productive use of the funding, which may include use
23 of the distribution formula, grants, or other means.

24 4. a. Of the amount appropriated in subsection 1,
25 \$1,000,000 shall be credited to the community empowerment
26 gifts and grants account created in this Act within the Iowa
27 empowerment fund. The amount credited shall be reserved for
28 distribution to implement those recommendations of the
29 business community investment advisory council created in this
30 subsection that are approved for implementation by the Iowa
31 empowerment board. Not more than 3 percent of the amount
32 allocated in this subsection shall be used for the expenses of
33 the advisory council created in this subsection.

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19 care center providers.

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21 responsibilities involving a public preschool program from
22 nominees provided by the school administrators of Iowa.

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25 professional educators of Iowa, and nonpublic schools.

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28 community empowerment area boards.

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30 Iowa empowerment board may serve as nonvoting, ex officio
31 members of the advisory council.

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34 early care, health, and education services and provide options
35 for creating model projects for public-private partnerships to

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2 in communities. The advisory council shall complete its
3 deliberations by submitting a report with recommendations and
4 findings to the Iowa empowerment board on or before December
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21 in other states.

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24 this subsection.

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27 Sec. 18. EARLY CARE, HEALTH, AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS -- FY
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34 thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated
35 designated:

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3 pursuant to the appropriation made in this division of this
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9 to be distributed. It is the intent of the general assembly
10 that the increase in funding provided by this section of
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12 this Act for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning
13 July 1, 2006, will be designated for the expansion of the
14 initiatives implemented pursuant to the business community
15 investment advisory council recommendations adopted pursuant
16 to this Act.

17 Sec. 19. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES.
18 The amounts credited to the Iowa empowerment fund for purposes
19 of professional development and training activities for the
20 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, in 2006 Iowa Acts, House
21 File 2527 and House File 2734, if enacted, are appropriated to
22 be used as provided in this section. For the fiscal year
23 beginning July 1, 2006, the Iowa empowerment board shall phase
24 out the professional development activities that began in the
25 previous fiscal year through community empowerment area
26 boards. The designated amounts shall be used for support of
27 professional development and training activities for persons
28 working in early care, health, and education by the Iowa
29 empowerment board in collaboration with representation from
30 Iowa state university of science and technology cooperative
31 extension service in agriculture and home economics, area
32 education agencies, community colleges, child care resource
33 and referral services, and community empowerment area boards.
34 Expenditures shall be limited to professional development and
35 training activities agreed upon by the parties participating

1 in the collaboration.

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HOUSE FILE 2769

S-5275

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2 reprinted by the House, as follows:
3 1. Page 6, line 24, by inserting after the word
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By FRANK B. WOOD

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ADOPTED

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H-8646

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26 represented by at least two citizen members and so that all
27 the appointments as a whole reflect the ethnic, cultural,
28 social, and economic diversity of the state. The governor's
29 appointees shall be selected from individuals nominated by
30 community empowerment area boards. The nominations shall
31 reflect the range of interests represented on the community
32 boards so that the governor is able to appoint one or more
33 members each for early care, education, health, human
34 services, business, faith, and public interests. At least one
35 of the citizen members shall be a service consumer or the

1 parent of a service consumer. Terms of office of all citizen
2 members are three years. A vacancy on the board shall be
3 filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the
4 balance of the unexpired term.

5 Sec. 5. Section 28.4, subsection 3, Code Supplement 2005,
6 is amended to read as follows:

7 3. Develop advanced community empowerment area
8 arrangements for those community empowerment areas which were
9 formed in transition ~~from-an-innovation-zone-or~~ from a
10 decategorization governance board or which otherwise provide
11 evidence of extensive successful experience in managing
12 services and funding with high levels of community support and
13 input.

14 Sec. 6. Section 28.4, subsection 6, Code Supplement 2005,
15 is amended by striking the subsection.

16 Sec. 7. Section 28.4, subsection 9, paragraphs a and c,
17 Code Supplement 2005, are amended to read as follows:

18 a. ~~Performance-indicators-for~~ Indicators of the
19 effectiveness of community empowerment areas, community
20 boards, and the services provided under the auspices of the
21 community boards. The ~~performance~~ indicators shall be
22 developed with input from community boards and shall build
23 upon the core indicators of ~~performance~~ effectiveness for the
24 school ready grant program, as described in section 28.8.

25 c. Core functions for ~~home-visitation~~ family support
26 services, parent ~~support~~ education programs, and preschool
27 services provided under a school ready children grant.

28 Sec. 8. Section 28.8, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
29 Supplement 2005, is amended to read as follows:

30 a. Identify the core indicators ~~of-performance~~ that will
31 be used to assess the effectiveness of the school ready
32 children grants, including encouraging the amount of early
33 intellectual stimulation of very young children, ~~increasing~~
34 the basic skill levels of students entering school, ~~increasing~~
35 the health status of children, ~~reducing~~ the incidence of child

1 abuse and neglect, ~~increasing-the-access-of-children-to-an~~
2 ~~adult-mentor,-increasing~~ the level of parental involvement
3 with their children, and ~~increasing~~ the degree of quality of
4 and accessibility ~~of~~ to child care.

5 Sec. 9. Section 28.8, subsection 3, paragraph b, Code
6 Supplement 2005, is amended to read as follows:

7 b. Parent Family support services and parent education
8 programs promoted to parents of children from birth through
9 five years of age. ~~Parent-support-and-education~~ The services
10 and programs shall be offered in a flexible manner to
11 accommodate the varying schedules, meeting place requirements,
12 and other needs of working parents. Family support services
13 may include but are not limited to home visitation. The
14 percentage of grant funding committed to family support
15 services and parent education programs targeted to families
16 with newborn and infant children shall be approximately sixty
17 percent.

18 Sec. 10. Section 28.8, subsection 3, paragraph c,
19 unnumbered paragraph 1, Code Supplement 2005, is amended to
20 read as follows:

21 A comprehensive school ready children grant plan developed
22 by a community board for providing services for children from
23 birth through five years of age including but not limited to
24 child development services, child care services, training
25 child care providers to encourage early intellectual
26 stimulation of very young children, children's health and
27 safety services, assessment services to identify chemically
28 exposed infants and children, ~~and-parent~~ family support
29 services, and parent education services programs. At a
30 minimum, the plan shall do all of the following:

31 Sec. 11. Section 28.8, subsection 6, Code Supplement 2005,
32 is amended to read as follows:

33 6. The priorities for school ready children grant funds
34 shall include providing preschool services on a voluntary
35 basis to children deemed at risk of not succeeding in

1 elementary school, training child care providers and others to
2 encourage early intellectual stimulation of very young
3 children, and offering parent family support services and
4 parent education programs on a voluntary basis to parents of
5 children from birth through five years of age. The grant
6 funds also may be used to provide other services to children
7 from birth through five years of age as specified in the
8 comprehensive school ready children grant plan.

9 Sec. 12. Section 28.9, subsection 1, Code Supplement 2005,
10 is amended to read as follows:

11 1. An Iowa empowerment fund is created in the state
12 treasury. The moneys in credited to the Iowa empowerment fund
13 are not subject to section 8.33 and moneys in the fund shall
14 not be transferred, used, obligated, appropriated, or
15 otherwise encumbered except as provided by law.
16 Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or
17 earnings on moneys deposited in the Iowa empowerment fund
18 shall be credited to the fund.

19 Sec. 13. Section 28.9, subsection 4, Code Supplement 2005,
20 is amended to read as follows:

21 ~~4. 2A. Beginning July 1, 1999, unless~~ Unless a different
22 amount is authorized by law, up to three percent, ~~not to~~
23 ~~exceed sixty thousand dollars,~~ of the school ready children
24 grant moneys distributed under the auspices of the Iowa board
25 to a community empowerment area board may be used by the
26 community board for administrative costs and other
27 implementation expenses.

28 Sec. 14. Section 28.9, Code Supplement 2005, is amended by
29 adding the following new subsection:

30 NEW SUBSECTION. 5. A community empowerment gifts and
31 grants account is created in the Iowa empowerment fund under
32 the authority of the department of management. The account
33 shall consist of gift or grant moneys obtained from any
34 source, including but not limited to the federal government.
35 Moneys credited to the account are appropriated to the

1 department of management to be used for the community
2 empowerment-related purposes for which the moneys were
3 received.

4 Sec. 15. Section 135.106, subsection 3, Code 2005, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 3. It is the intent of the general assembly to provide
7 communities with the discretion and authority to redesign
8 existing local programs and services targeted at and assisting
9 families expecting babies and families with children who are
10 newborn through five years of age. The Iowa department of
11 public health, department of human services, department of
12 education, and other state agencies and programs, as
13 appropriate, shall provide technical assistance and support to
14 communities desiring to redesign their local programs and
15 shall facilitate the consolidation of existing state funding
16 appropriated and made available to the community for family
17 support services. Funds which are consolidated in accordance
18 with this subsection shall be used to support the redesigned
19 service delivery system. In redesigning services, communities
20 are encouraged to implement a single uniform family risk
21 assessment mechanism and shall demonstrate the potential for
22 improved outcomes for children and families. Requests by
23 local communities for the redesigning of services shall be
24 submitted to the Iowa department of public health, department
25 of human services, and department of education, and are
26 subject to the approval of the Iowa empowerment board in
27 consultation with the departments, based on the innovation
28 ~~zone-principles-established-in-section-8A.27-Code-1997~~
29 practices utilized with community empowerment areas under
30 chapter 28.

31 EXPLANATION

32 This bill relates to the community empowerment initiative.
33 The definition of the term "innovation zone" is stricken in
34 Code section 28.1, and other references are deleted in Code
35 section 28.4 and in Code section 135.106, relating to the

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1 healthy families Iowa program. Innovation zones were created
2 on a pilot project basis in 1996 and transition language was
3 included when the innovation zone approach was replaced with
4 the passage of the Iowa empowerment initiative in 1998.

5 Code section 28.2 provisions stating the desired initial
6 results for the initiative are amended to strike the reference
7 to a June 30, 2005, target date for when communities will have
8 developed the capacity and commitment to achieve the initial
9 desired results. In addition, the desired result for "secure
10 and nurturing child care environments" is restated to be
11 directed to "early care and education environments".

12 Code section 28.3, relating to the Iowa empowerment board,
13 is amended to expand the voting membership from 18 to 22
14 members. Agency director membership is expanded from five to
15 six to include the director of the department of workforce
16 development. The other three are added to the citizen
17 members.

18 Terminology changes are made in Code sections 28.4 and 28.8
19 from "performance indicators" to "indicators of effectiveness"
20 and "home visitation and parent support" to "family support
21 services and parent education programs".

22 Code section 28.8 is also amended to codify a requirement
23 that approximately 60 percent of school ready children grant
24 funding is required to be committed to family support services
25 and parent education programs targeted to families with
26 newborn and infant children. A similar directive was included
27 in session law enacted in 1999 Iowa Acts, chapter 190.

28 Code section 28.9, relating to the Iowa empowerment fund
29 and the accounts within that fund, is amended. Current law
30 limits administrative expenditures from school ready children
31 grant funding by community empowerment areas to 3 percent. A
32 further maximum restriction of \$60,000 within that limit is
33 deleted. A new community empowerment gifts and grants account
34 is created within the fund under the authority of the
35 department of management. The account is to consist of gift

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1 or grant moneys from any source, including the federal
2 government. The moneys in the account are appropriated to the
3 department of management to be used for the purposes for which
4 the moneys were received.

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HOUSE FILE 2769

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVE AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS.

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

DIVISION I
CODE CHANGES

Section 1. Section 28.1, subsection 5, Code Supplement 2005, is amended by striking the subsection.

Sec. 2. Section 28.2, subsection 2, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code Supplement 2005, is amended to read as follows:

It is intended that through the community empowerment initiative, ~~by June 30, 2005,~~ every community in Iowa will ~~have developed~~ develop the capacity and commitment for using local decision making to achieve the following initial set of desired results:

Sec. 3. Section 28.2, subsection 2, paragraph e, Code Supplement 2005, is amended to read as follows:

e. Secure and nurturing child early care and education environments.

Sec. 4. Section 28.3, subsection 2, Code Supplement 2005, is amended to read as follows:

2. The Iowa board shall consist of ~~eighteen~~ twenty-two voting members with ~~thirteen~~ sixteen citizen members and ~~five~~ six state agency members. The ~~five~~ six state agency members shall be the directors of the following departments: economic development, education, human rights, human services, and public health, and workforce development. The ~~thirteen~~ sixteen citizen members shall be appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by the senate. The governor's

appointments of citizen members shall be made in a manner so that each of the state's congressional districts is represented by at least two citizen members and so that all the appointments as a whole reflect the ethnic, cultural, social, and economic diversity of the state. The governor's appointees shall be selected from individuals nominated by community empowerment area boards. The nominations shall reflect the range of interests represented on the community boards so that the governor is able to appoint one or more members each for early care, education, health, human services, business, faith, and public interests. At least one of the citizen members shall be a service consumer or the parent of a service consumer. Terms of office of all citizen members are three years. A vacancy on the board shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the balance of the unexpired term.

Sec. 5. Section 28.4, subsection 3, Code Supplement 2005, is amended to read as follows:

3. Develop advanced community empowerment area arrangements for those community empowerment areas which were formed in transition ~~from an innovation zone or~~ from a decategorization governance board or which otherwise provide evidence of extensive successful experience in managing services and funding with high levels of community support and input.

Sec. 6. Section 28.4, subsection 6, Code Supplement 2005, is amended by striking the subsection.

Sec. 7. Section 28.4, subsection 9, paragraphs a and c, Code Supplement 2005, are amended to read as follows:

a. ~~Performance indicators for~~ Indicators of the effectiveness of community empowerment areas, community boards, and the services provided under the auspices of the community boards. The ~~performance~~ indicators shall be developed with input from community boards and shall build upon the core indicators of performance effectiveness for the school ready grant program, as described in section 28.8.

c. Core functions for home-visitation family support services, parent support education programs, and preschool services provided under a school ready children grant.

Sec. 8. Section 28.8, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code Supplement 2005, is amended to read as follows:

a. Identify the ~~core indicators of-performance~~ that will be used to assess the effectiveness of the school ready children grants, including encouraging the amount of early intellectual stimulation of very young children, increasing the basic skill levels of students entering school, increasing the health status of children, reducing the incidence of child abuse and neglect, ~~increasing-the-access-of-children-to-an adult-mentory-increasing~~ the level of parental involvement with their children, and increasing the degree of quality of and accessibility of to child care.

Sec. 9. Section 28.8, subsection 3, paragraph b, Code Supplement 2005, is amended to read as follows:

b. Parent Family support services and parent education programs promoted to parents of children from birth through five years of age. ~~Parent-support-and-education~~ The services and programs shall be offered in a flexible manner to accommodate the varying schedules, meeting place requirements, and other needs of working parents. Family support services shall include but are not limited to home visitation. After a community empowerment area board has committed the portion of school ready grant funding that is designated or authorized by law to be used or set aside for a particular purpose, the community board shall commit approximately sixty percent of the remainder to family support services and parent education programs targeted to families with children who are newborn through age five.

Sec. 10. Section 28.8, subsection 3, paragraph c, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code Supplement 2005, is amended to read as follows:

A comprehensive school ready children grant plan developed by a community board for providing services for children from

birth through five years of age including but not limited to child development services, child care services, training child care providers to encourage early intellectual stimulation of very young children, children's health and safety services, assessment services to identify chemically exposed infants and children, ~~and-parent~~ family support services, and parent education services programs. At a minimum, the plan shall do all of the following:

Sec. 11. Section 28.8, subsection 6, Code Supplement 2005, is amended to read as follows:

6. The priorities for school ready children grant funds shall include providing preschool services on a voluntary basis to children deemed at risk of not succeeding in elementary school, training child care providers and others to encourage early intellectual stimulation of very young children, and offering parent family support services and parent education programs on a voluntary basis to parents of children from birth through five years of age. The grant funds also may be used to provide other services to children from birth through five years of age as specified in the comprehensive school ready children grant plan.

Sec. 12. Section 28.9, subsection 1, Code Supplement 2005, is amended to read as follows:

1. An Iowa empowerment fund is created in the state treasury. The moneys in credited to the Iowa empowerment fund are not subject to section 8.33 and moneys in the fund shall not be transferred, used, obligated, appropriated, or otherwise encumbered except as provided by law. Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or earnings on moneys deposited in the Iowa empowerment fund shall be credited to the fund.

Sec. 13. Section 28.9, subsection 4, Code Supplement 2005, is amended to read as follows:

~~4. 2A. Beginning July 17, 1999, unless~~ Unless a different amount is authorized by law, up to three percent, ~~not to exceed sixty-thousand-dollars,~~ of the school ready children

grant moneys distributed under the auspices of the Iowa board to a community empowerment area board may be used by the community board for administrative costs and other implementation expenses.

Sec. 14. Section 28.9, Code Supplement 2005, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 5. A community empowerment gifts and grants account is created in the Iowa empowerment fund under the authority of the department of management. The account shall consist of gift or grant moneys obtained from any source, including but not limited to the federal government. Moneys credited to the account are appropriated to the department of management to be used for the community empowerment-related purposes for which the moneys were received.

Sec. 15. Section 135.106, subsection 3, Code 2005, is amended to read as follows:

3. It is the intent of the general assembly to provide communities with the discretion and authority to redesign existing local programs and services targeted at and assisting families expecting babies and families with children who are newborn through five years of age. The Iowa department of public health, department of human services, department of education, and other state agencies and programs, as appropriate, shall provide technical assistance and support to communities desiring to redesign their local programs and shall facilitate the consolidation of existing state funding appropriated and made available to the community for family support services. Funds which are consolidated in accordance with this subsection shall be used to support the redesigned service delivery system. In redesigning services, communities are encouraged to implement a single uniform family risk assessment mechanism and shall demonstrate the potential for improved outcomes for children and families. Requests by local communities for the redesigning of services shall be submitted to the Iowa department of public health, department

of human services, and department of education, and are subject to the approval of the Iowa empowerment board in consultation with the departments, based on the innovation zone-principles-established-in-section-8A-27-Code-1997 practices utilized with community empowerment areas under chapter 28.

DIVISION II
APPROPRIATIONS -- EARLY CARE, HEALTH, AND
EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Sec. 16. FAMILY SUPPORT AND PARENT EDUCATION -- FY 2006-2007 THROUGH FY 2008-2009. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of education for deposit in the school ready children grants account of the Iowa empowerment fund for each fiscal year of the period beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2009, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For family support services and parent education programs targeted to families expecting a child or with newborn and infant children through age three, in accordance with this section:

..... \$ 5,000,000

The amount appropriated in this section shall be distributed in each of the fiscal years as part of the school ready children grant program funding using the distribution formula approved by the Iowa empowerment board and shall be used by a community empowerment area only for family support services and parent education programs targeted to families expecting a child or with newborn and infant children through age three. The programs funded under this section shall have a home visitation component.

Sec. 17. EARLY CARE, HEALTH, AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS -- FY 2006-2007.

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the school ready children grants account of the Iowa empowerment fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006,

and ending June 30, 2007, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For early care, health, and education programs, in accordance with this section:

..... \$ 10,000,000

2. Of the amount appropriated in subsection 1, \$5,500,000 is allocated to increase the funding designated for distribution to community empowerment areas to assist low-income parents with tuition for preschool for children ages four and five who are not attending kindergarten in order to increase the basic family income eligibility requirement to not more than 200 percent of the federal poverty level. In addition, if sufficient funding is available after addressing the needs of those who meet the basic income eligibility requirement, a community empowerment area board may provide for eligibility for those with a family income in excess of the basic income eligibility requirement through use of a sliding scale or other copayment provision.

3. Of the amount appropriated in subsection 1, \$3,500,000 is allocated for efforts to improve the quality of early care, health, and education programs. The Iowa empowerment board may reserve a portion of the allocation, not to exceed \$100,000 for the technical assistance expenses of the Iowa empowerment office and shall distribute the remainder to community empowerment areas for local quality improvement efforts through a methodology identified by the board to make the most productive use of the funding, which may include use of the distribution formula, grants, or other means.

4. a. Of the amount appropriated in subsection 1, \$1,000,000 shall be credited to the community empowerment gifts and grants account created in this Act within the Iowa empowerment fund. The amount credited shall be reserved for distribution to implement those recommendations of the business community investment advisory council created in this subsection that are approved for implementation by the Iowa

empowerment board. Not more than 3 percent of the amount allocated in this subsection shall be used for the expenses of the advisory council created in this subsection.

b. A business community investment advisory council is created to advise the Iowa empowerment board. The membership of the advisory council shall be appointed by the governor in a manner to ensure there is representation for rural and urban interests, various geographic areas of the state, and different sizes of businesses. The membership shall be appointed as follows:

- (1) Two members from nominees provided by the Iowa business council.
- (2) Two members from nominees provided by the Iowa association of business and industry.
- (3) One member from nominees provided by the Iowa chamber alliance.
- (4) One member from nominees provided by the professional developers of Iowa.
- (5) Three members representing early care, health, and education services providers from nominees provided by the state child care advisory council so that representation is provided for for-profit child development home providers, for-profit child care center providers, and nonprofit child care center providers.
- (6) One member representing school administrators who have responsibilities involving a public preschool program from nominees provided by the school administrators of Iowa.
- (7) One member representing kindergarten teachers from nominees provided by the Iowa state education association, professional educators of Iowa, and nonpublic schools.
- (8) One parent of a child from birth through age five who is not attending kindergarten from nominees submitted by community empowerment area boards.
- (9) The directors of the state agencies represented on the Iowa empowerment board may serve as nonvoting, ex officio members of the advisory council.

c. The advisory council shall advise the Iowa empowerment board on the best means to leverage private investment in early care, health, and education services and provide options for creating model projects for public-private partnerships to support quality early care, health, and education programming in communities. The advisory council shall complete its deliberations by submitting a report with recommendations and findings to the Iowa empowerment board on or before December 31, 2006. The report shall address all of the following in addition to other items identified by the advisory council:

(1) A strategy for blending funding for early care, health, and education services from the public sector and the private sector, including but not limited to the funding provided by businesses and individual families. The advisory council shall consider an approach based on that used for the vision Iowa program, the grow Iowa values fund, and other economic models.

(2) A strategy for community empowerment area boards to develop and implement local public-private partnership networks and apply for state and private funding to implement innovative early care, health, and education programming, or to be able to apply for competitive grants to enhance such partnership networks. The advisory council shall give consideration to similar approaches that have been successful in other states.

(3) A strategy for requiring local match funding for a community empowerment area to access the funding allocated in this subsection.

(4) Accountability and evaluation measures.

(5) Provisions to ensure efficiency.

Sec. 18. EARLY CARE, HEALTH, AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS -- FY 2007-2008 AND 2008-2009.

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of education for deposit in the school ready children grants account of the Iowa empowerment fund for each fiscal year of the fiscal period beginning July 1, 2007,

and ending June 30, 2009, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For early care, health, and education and preschool programs, to continue programs and initiatives developed pursuant to the appropriation made in this division of this Act for this purpose for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006:

..... \$ 15,000,000

2. Expenditure of the amounts appropriated in this section is subject to enactment of law specifying how the amounts are to be distributed. It is the intent of the general assembly that the increase in funding provided by this section of \$5,000,000 over the amount appropriated in this division of this Act for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, will be designated for the expansion of the initiatives implemented pursuant to the business community investment advisory council recommendations adopted pursuant to this Act.

Sec. 19. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES. The amounts credited to the Iowa empowerment fund for purposes of professional development and training activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, in 2006 Iowa Acts, House File 2527 and House File 2734, if enacted, are appropriated to be used as provided in this section. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, the Iowa empowerment board shall phase out the professional development activities that began in the previous fiscal year through community empowerment area boards. The designated amounts shall be used for support of professional development and training activities for persons working in early care, health, and education by the Iowa empowerment board in collaboration with representation from Iowa state university of science and technology cooperative extension service in agriculture and home economics, area education agencies, community colleges, child care resource and referral services, and community empowerment area boards.

Expenditures shall be limited to professional development and training activities agreed upon by the parties participating in the collaboration.

CHRISTOPHER C. RANTS
Speaker of the House

JEFFREY M. LAMBERTI
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 2769, Eighty-first General Assembly.

MARGARET THOMSON
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved June 1, 2006

THOMAS J. VILSACK
Governor