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APPROPRIATIONS

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BY COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC GROWTH

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a statewide work-based learning intermediary
2 network grant program and making an appropriation.

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

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HF 639

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 256.40 STATEWIDE WORK-BASED
2 LEARNING INTERMEDIARY NETWORK -- APPROPRIATION -- GRANTS.

3 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
4 state to the department of education for the fiscal year
5 beginning July 1, 2005, and each succeeding fiscal year, the
6 sum of two million nine hundred thirty-six thousand nine
7 hundred four dollars for a statewide work-based learning
8 intermediary network grant program.

9 2. The department shall administer a statewide work-based
10 learning intermediary network grant program. The purpose of
11 the program shall be to build a seamless system of career,
12 future workforce, and economic development in Iowa to
13 accomplish all of the following:

14 a. Better prepare students to make informed postsecondary
15 education and career decisions.

16 b. Provide communication and coordination in order to
17 build and sustain relationships between employers and local
18 youth, the education system, and the community at-large.

19 c. Connect students to local career opportunities,
20 creating economic capital for the region using a skilled and
21 available workforce.

22 d. Facilitate the sharing of best practices statewide by
23 business and education leaders.

24 e. Provide a one-stop contact point for information useful
25 to both educators and employers, including a state-level
26 clearinghouse for internships, job shadowing experiences, and
27 other workplace learning opportunities for students that are
28 linked to the state's economic goals.

29 f. Implement services for all students, staff, and
30 districts within the region and integrate workplace skills
31 into the curriculum.

32 g. Develop work-based capacity with employers.

33 h. Improve the skills of Iowa's future workforce.

34 i. Provide core services, which may include student job
35 shadowing, student internships, and teacher or student tours.

1 3. Grants shall only be awarded to community-based
2 nonprofit incorporated agencies and public agencies which
3 shall act as intermediaries connecting employers to schools
4 and local communities. Every reasonable effort shall be made
5 to award grants to facilitate the establishment of regional
6 intermediaries throughout the state, based upon the
7 distribution of the kindergarten through grade twelve student
8 enrollments in the state.

9 4. The department shall provide oversight of and annually
10 evaluate an intermediary which is awarded a grant to provide
11 resource and referral services to a region.

12 5. To be eligible to receive a grant to provide resource
13 and referral services, an intermediary shall match the grant
14 with financial resources equal to at least twenty-five percent
15 of the amount of the grant. The financial resources may
16 include a private donation, an in-kind contribution, or a
17 public funding source other than a separate state grant for
18 work-based programs or services.

19 6. An intermediary agency that receives moneys under this
20 section shall have a board of directors or an advisory board
21 composed of members from business, labor, and education to
22 make recommendations regarding school-to-work issues and
23 partnerships between schools, businesses, and communities to
24 prepare students to enter and succeed in continued education
25 and high-wage, high-skill careers.

26 EXPLANATION

27 This bill appropriates approximately \$2.9 million annually
28 to the department of education for a statewide work-based
29 learning intermediary network grant program. The purpose of
30 the program is to build a seamless system of career, future
31 workforce, and economic development in Iowa.

32 Under the bill, the system must accomplish a number of
33 goals, including to better prepare students to make informed
34 postsecondary education and career decisions; provide
35 communication and coordination in order to build and sustain

1 relationships between employers and local youth, the education
2 system, and the community at-large; connect students to local
3 career opportunities; facilitate the sharing of best practices
4 statewide by business and education leaders; and provide a
5 one-stop contact point for information useful to both
6 educators and employers, including a state-level clearinghouse
7 for internships, job shadowing experiences, and other
8 workplace learning opportunities for students that are linked
9 to the state's economic goals.

10 Grants can only be awarded to community-based nonprofit
11 incorporated agencies and public agencies which shall act as
12 intermediaries connecting employers to schools and local
13 communities. The department must annually evaluate grant
14 recipients. Grant recipients must match the grant with
15 financial resources equal to at least 25 percent of the amount
16 of the grant.

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