

House File 453 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to and making an appropriation to the department
2 of education for the establishment and implementation of an
3 area education agency infrastructure grant program.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
5 TLSB 1936HH 82
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1 1 Section 1. AREA EDUCATION AGENCY INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT
1 2 PROGRAM. There is appropriated from the rebuild Iowa
1 3 infrastructure fund to the department of education for the
1 4 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008,
1 5 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to
1 6 be used for the purpose designated:

1 7 For the establishment and implementation of an area
1 8 education agency infrastructure grant program which provides
1 9 up to \$200,000 to area education agencies for infrastructure
1 10 purposes, notwithstanding section 8.57, subsection 6,
1 11 paragraph "c":

1 12 \$ 1,000,000

1 13 For purposes of the grant program, "infrastructure
1 14 purposes" includes land acquisition and construction, major
1 15 renovation and major repair of buildings, all appurtenant
1 16 structures, utilities, site development, recreational trails,
1 17 and routine, recurring maintenance or operational expenses or
1 18 leasing of a building, appurtenant structure, or utility
1 19 without a lease-purchase agreement.

1 20 Area education agencies that have reorganized or are
1 21 planning to reorganize shall receive top priority in receiving
1 22 grants.

1 23 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in this
1 24 section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close
1 25 of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available
1 26 for expenditure for purposes of the grant program until the
1 27 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

1 28 EXPLANATION

1 29 This bill appropriates \$1 million from the rebuild Iowa
1 30 infrastructure fund to the department of education for the
1 31 establishment and implementation of an area education agency
1 32 infrastructure grant program which provides up to \$200,000 to
1 33 area education agencies for infrastructure purposes. For
1 34 purposes of the grant program, "infrastructure purposes"
1 35 includes land acquisition and construction, major renovation
2 1 and major repair of buildings, all appurtenant structures,
2 2 utilities, site development, recreational trails, and routine,
2 3 recurring maintenance or operational expenses or leasing of a
2 4 building, appurtenant structure, or utility without a lease=
2 5 purchase agreement. The bill exempts the appropriation from
2 6 the definition of vertical infrastructure in Code section
2 7 8.57, subsection 6, paragraph "c".

2 8 The bill provides that area education agencies that have
2 9 reorganized or are planning to reorganize shall receive top
2 10 priority in receiving grants. Any unencumbered or unobligated
2 11 moneys remaining at the end of the fiscal year do not revert
2 12 but remain available for expenditure during the following
2 13 fiscal year for purposes of the grant program.

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