

House Study Bill 659

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PUBLIC SAFETY BILL BY
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act concerning the disaster aid individual assistance grant
2 program.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 TLSB 6437HC 82
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1 1 Section 1. Section 29C.20A, subsections 2 and 3, Code
1 2 Supplement 2007, are amended to read as follows:
1 3 2. The grant funds shall be administered by the department
1 4 of human services. The department shall adopt rules to create
1 5 the Iowa disaster aid individual assistance grant program.
1 6 The rules shall specify the eligibility of applicants and
1 7 eligible items for grant funding. ~~The rules shall be adopted~~
~~1 8 no later than January 1, 2008.~~ The executive council shall
1 9 use grant funds to reimburse the department of human services
1 10 for its actual expenses associated with the administration of
1 11 the grants. The department of human services is authorized
1 12 one full-time equivalent position to administer the grant
1 13 program in coordination with the homeland security and
1 14 emergency management division.

1 15 3. To be eligible for a grant, an applicant shall have an
1 16 annual household income that is less than ~~one two~~ hundred
1 17 ~~thirty~~ percent of the federal poverty level based on the
1 18 number of people in the applicant's household as defined by
1 19 the most recently revised poverty income guidelines published
1 20 by the United States department of health and human services.
1 21 The amount of a grant for a household shall not exceed
1 22 ~~twenty-five percent of one hundred thirty percent of the~~
~~1 23 federal poverty level for a household of one five thousand~~
1 24 dollars. Expenses eligible for grant funding shall be limited
1 25 to personal property, home repair, food assistance, and
1 26 temporary housing assistance. An applicant for a grant shall
1 27 sign an affidavit committing to refund any part of the grant
1 28 that is duplicated by any other assistance, such as but not
1 29 limited to insurance or assistance from community development
1 30 groups, charities, the small business administration, and the
1 31 federal emergency management agency.

EXPLANATION

1 33 This bill makes changes to the disaster aid individual
1 34 assistance grant program.
1 35 The bill provides that the department of human services is
2 1 authorized one full-time equivalent position to administer the
2 2 program.
2 3 The bill also provides that an applicant is eligible for a
2 4 grant if their annual household income is less than 200
2 5 percent of the federal poverty level. Current law requires an
2 6 applicant's income to be less than 130 percent of the federal
2 7 poverty level.
2 8 The bill also provides that the maximum grant per household
2 9 shall not exceed \$5,000. Current law sets the maximum payment
2 10 per household at 25 percent of 130 percent of the federal
2 11 poverty level for a household of one.
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