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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to and making appropriations to the department of
2 cultural affairs, the department of economic development,
3 certain board of regents institutions, the department of
4 workforce development, the Iowa finance authority, and the
5 public employment relations board, and related matters.
6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS. There is
1 2 appropriated from the general fund of the state to the
1 3 department of cultural affairs for the fiscal year beginning
1 4 July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, the following amounts,
1 5 or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the
1 6 purposes designated:
1 7 1. ADMINISTRATION
1 8 For salaries, support, maintenance, miscellaneous purposes,
1 9 and for not more than the following full-time equivalent
1 10 positions:
1 11 \$ 245,101
1 12 FTEs 2.35
1 13 The department of cultural affairs shall coordinate
1 14 activities with the tourism office of the department of
1 15 economic development to promote attendance at the state
1 16 historical building and at this state's historic sites.
1 17 2. COMMUNITY CULTURAL GRANTS
1 18 For planning and programming for the community cultural
1 19 grants program established under section 303.3:
1 20 \$ 299,240
1 21 3. HISTORICAL DIVISION
1 22 For salaries, support, maintenance, miscellaneous purposes,
1 23 and for not more than the following full-time equivalent
1 24 positions:
1 25 \$ 3,442,865
1 26 FTEs 58.08
1 27 From the moneys appropriated under this subsection, the
1 28 department shall use \$50,000 for purposes of administering
1 29 chapter 404A.
1 30 4. HISTORIC SITES
1 31 For salaries, support, maintenance, miscellaneous purposes,
1 32 and for not more than the following full-time equivalent
1 33 positions:
1 34 \$ 554,166
1 35 FTEs 8.25
2 1 5. ARTS DIVISION
2 2 For salaries, support, maintenance, miscellaneous purposes,
2 3 including funds to match federal grants and for not more than
2 4 the following full-time equivalent positions:
2 5 \$ 1,207,611
2 6 FTEs 11.12
2 7 6. GREAT PLACES
2 8 For salaries, support, maintenance, miscellaneous purposes,
2 9 and for not more than the following full-time equivalent
2 10 positions:
2 11 \$ 305,794
2 12 FTEs 3.00
2 13 7. ARCHIVE IOWA GOVERNORS' RECORDS
2 14 For archiving the records of Iowa governors and for not
2 15 more than the following full-time equivalent position:

2 16 \$ 77,348
 2 17 FTEs 0.97
 2 18 8. RECORDS CENTER RENT
 2 19 For payment of rent for the state records center:
 2 20 \$ 185,768
 2 21 Sec. 2. GOALS AND ACCOUNTABILITY == ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
 2 22 1. The goals for the department of economic development
 2 23 shall be to expand and stimulate the state economy, increase
 2 24 the wealth of Iowans, and increase the population of the
 2 25 state.
 2 26 2. To achieve the goals in subsection 1, the department of
 2 27 economic development shall do all of the following:
 2 28 a. Concentrate its efforts on programs and activities that
 2 29 result in commercially viable products and services.
 2 30 b. Adopt practices and services consistent with free
 2 31 market, private sector philosophies.
 2 32 c. Ensure economic growth and development throughout the
 2 33 state.
 2 34 Sec. 3. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. There is
 2 35 appropriated from the general fund of the state to the
 3 1 department of economic development for the fiscal year
 3 2 beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, the
 3 3 following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
 3 4 used for the purposes designated:
 3 5 1. ADMINISTRATION DIVISION
 3 6 a. General administration
 3 7 For salaries, support, maintenance, miscellaneous purposes,
 3 8 programs, for transfer to the Iowa state commission grant
 3 9 program, and for not more than the following full-time
 3 10 equivalent positions:
 3 11 \$ 2,044,529
 3 12 FTEs 27.75
 3 13 b. The department shall work with businesses and
 3 14 communities to continually improve the economic development
 3 15 climate along with the economic well-being and quality of life
 3 16 for Iowans. The administration division shall coordinate with
 3 17 other state agencies ensuring that all state departments are
 3 18 attentive to the needs of an entrepreneurial culture.
 3 19 2. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
 3 20 a. Business development operations
 3 21 For business development operations and programs, the film
 3 22 office, international trade, export assistance, workforce
 3 23 recruitment, the partner state program, for transfer to the
 3 24 strategic investment fund, for transfer to the value-added
 3 25 agricultural products and processes financial assistance fund,
 3 26 salaries, support, maintenance, miscellaneous purposes, and
 3 27 for not more than the following full-time equivalent
 3 28 positions:
 3 29 \$ 6,426,146
 3 30 FTEs 61.00
 3 31 b. The department shall establish a strong and aggressive
 3 32 marketing image to showcase Iowa's workforce, existing
 3 33 industry, and potential. A priority shall be placed on
 3 34 recruiting new businesses, business expansion, and retaining
 3 35 existing Iowa businesses. Emphasis shall also be placed on
 4 1 entrepreneurial development through helping to secure capital
 4 2 for entrepreneurs, and developing networks and a business
 4 3 climate conducive to entrepreneurs and small business.
 4 4 c. A business creating jobs with economic development
 4 5 assistance through moneys appropriated in this subsection
 4 6 shall be subject to contract provisions stating that new and
 4 7 retained jobs shall be filled by individuals who are citizens
 4 8 of the United States who reside within the United States, or
 4 9 any person authorized to work in the United States pursuant to
 4 10 federal law, including legal resident aliens in the United
 4 11 States. Any vendor who receives such public moneys shall
 4 12 adhere to such contract provisions and provide periodic
 4 13 assurances as the state shall require, that the jobs are
 4 14 filled solely by citizens of the United States who reside
 4 15 within the United States, or any person authorized to work in
 4 16 the United States pursuant to federal law, including legal
 4 17 resident aliens in the United States.
 4 18 d. From the moneys appropriated in this subsection, the
 4 19 department may provide financial assistance in the form of a
 4 20 grant to a community economic development entity for
 4 21 conducting a local workforce recruitment effort designed to
 4 22 recruit former citizens of the state and former students at
 4 23 colleges and universities in the state to meet the needs of
 4 24 local employers.
 4 25 e. From the moneys appropriated under this subsection, the
 4 26 department may provide financial assistance to early-stage

4 27 industry companies being established by women entrepreneurs.
4 28 f. From the moneys appropriated under this subsection, the
4 29 department may provide financial assistance in the form of
4 30 grants, loans, or forgivable loans for advanced research and
4 31 commercialization projects involving value-added agriculture,
4 32 advanced technology, or biotechnology.

4 33 g. The department shall commission a study to analyze the
4 34 tax structures and economic development incentives and
4 35 financing on a comparative basis between Iowa and states
5 1 bordering Iowa.

5 2 h. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in
5 3 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
5 4 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
5 5 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until
5 6 the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

5 7 3. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

5 8 a. Community development programs

5 9 For salaries, support, maintenance, miscellaneous purposes,
5 10 community economic development programs, tourism operations,
5 11 community assistance, the mainstreet and rural mainstreet
5 12 programs, the school-to-career program, the community
5 13 development block grant, and housing and shelter-related
5 14 programs and for not more than the following full-time
5 15 equivalent positions:

5 16 \$ 6,422,654
5 17 FTEs 58.26

5 18 b. The department shall encourage development of
5 19 communities and quality of life to foster economic growth.
5 20 The department shall prepare communities for future growth and
5 21 development through development, expansion, and modernization
5 22 of infrastructure.

5 23 c. The department shall develop public-private
5 24 partnerships with Iowa businesses in the tourism industry,
5 25 Iowa tour groups, Iowa tourism organizations, and political
5 26 subdivisions in this state to assist in the development of
5 27 advertising efforts. The department shall, to the fullest
5 28 extent possible, develop cooperative efforts for advertising
5 29 with contributions from other sources.

5 30 d. From the moneys appropriated in this subsection, the
5 31 department shall use at least \$1,046,000 for purposes of the
5 32 main street and rural main street programs.

5 33 e. From the moneys appropriated in this subsection, the
5 34 department shall use at least \$3,794,443 for purposes of
5 35 tourism operations.

6 1 f. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in
6 2 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
6 3 close of the fiscal year shall not revert to any fund but
6 4 shall remain available for expenditure for the designated
6 5 purposes during the succeeding fiscal year.

6 6 4. For allocating moneys for the world food prize:

6 7 \$ 750,000

6 8 By January 1, 2008, the entity receiving moneys allocated
6 9 for the world food prize under this subsection shall submit a
6 10 written report to the chairpersons and ranking members of the
6 11 joint appropriations subcommittee on economic development
6 12 regarding the expenditure of moneys received from the state.
6 13 The report shall include an itemization of expenditures of
6 14 moneys received from the state during the fiscal year
6 15 beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, and an
6 16 itemization of expenditures of moneys received from the state
6 17 during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June
6 18 30, 2009, as well as all projected expenditures of such moneys
6 19 during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June
6 20 30, 2009.

6 21 Sec. 4. VISION IOWA PROGRAM == FTE AUTHORIZATION. For
6 22 purposes of administrative duties associated with the vision
6 23 Iowa program, the department of economic development is
6 24 authorized an additional 2.25 full-time equivalent positions
6 25 above those otherwise authorized in this Act.

6 26 Sec. 5. RURAL COMMUNITY 2000 PROGRAM. There is
6 27 appropriated from loan repayments on loans made under the
6 28 former rural community 2000 program, sections 15.281 through
6 29 15.288, Code 2001, to the department of economic development
6 30 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June
6 31 30, 2008, any funds available in the rural community 2000
6 32 fund. Moneys appropriated under this section shall be used
6 33 for providing financial assistance to Iowa's councils of
6 34 governments that provide technical and planning assistance to
6 35 local governments.

7 1 Sec. 6. INSURANCE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. From the moneys
7 2 collected by the division of insurance in excess of the

7 3 anticipated gross revenues under section 505.7, subsection 3,
7 4 during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, \$100,000 shall
7 5 be transferred to the department of economic development for
7 6 insurance economic development and international insurance
7 7 economic development.

7 8 Sec. 7. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LOAN FUND. Notwithstanding
7 9 section 15E.120, subsection 5, there is appropriated from the
7 10 Iowa community development loan fund all the moneys available
7 11 during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June
7 12 30, 2008, to the department of economic development for the
7 13 community development program to be used by the department for
7 14 the purposes of the program.

7 15 Sec. 8. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FUND. There is appropriated
7 16 from the workforce development fund account created in section
7 17 15.342A, to the workforce development fund created in section
7 18 15.343, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending
7 19 June 30, 2008, the following amount, for the purposes of the
7 20 workforce development fund, and for not more than the
7 21 following full-time equivalent positions:

7 22 \$ 4,000,000
7 23 FTEs 4.00

7 24 Sec. 9. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION. From funds
7 25 appropriated or transferred to or receipts credited to the
7 26 workforce development fund created in section 15.343, up to
7 27 \$400,000 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and
7 28 ending June 30, 2008, may be used for the administration of
7 29 workforce development activities including salaries, support,
7 30 maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes and for not more than
7 31 4.00 full-time equivalent positions.

7 32 Sec. 10. JOB TRAINING FUND. Notwithstanding section
7 33 15.251, all remaining moneys in the job training fund on July
7 34 1, 2007, and any moneys appropriated or credited to the fund
7 35 during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, shall be
8 1 transferred to the workforce development fund established
8 2 pursuant to section 15.343.

8 3 Sec. 11. IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY. There is appropriated
8 4 from the general fund of the state to the Iowa finance
8 5 authority for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and
8 6 ending June 30, 2008, the following amount, or so much thereof
8 7 as is necessary, to be used for the purpose designated:

8 8 For the entrepreneurs with disabilities program:
8 9 \$ 200,000

8 10 Sec. 12. IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY.
8 11 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
8 12 state to the Iowa state university of science and technology
8 13 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June
8 14 30, 2008, the following amount, or so much thereof as is
8 15 necessary, to be used for small business development centers,
8 16 the science and technology research park, the institute for
8 17 physical research and technology, and for not more than the
8 18 following full-time equivalent positions:

8 19 \$ 2,713,557
8 20 FTEs 56.63

8 21 2. Of the moneys appropriated in subsection 1, Iowa state
8 22 university shall allocate at least \$900,000 for purposes of
8 23 funding small business development centers. Iowa state
8 24 university may allocate moneys appropriated in subsection 1 to
8 25 the various small business development centers in any manner
8 26 necessary to achieve the purposes of this subsection.

8 27 3. Iowa state university of science and technology shall
8 28 do all of the following:

8 29 a. Direct expenditures for research toward projects that
8 30 will provide economic stimulus for Iowa.

8 31 b. Provide emphasis to providing services to Iowa-based
8 32 companies.

8 33 4. It is the intent of the general assembly that the
8 34 industrial incentive program focus on Iowa industrial sectors
8 35 and seek contributions and in-kind donations from businesses,
9 1 industrial foundations, and trade associations and that moneys
9 2 for the institute for physical research and technology
9 3 industrial incentive program shall only be allocated for
9 4 projects which are matched by private sector moneys for
9 5 directed contract research or for nondirected research. The
9 6 match required of small businesses as defined in section
9 7 15.102, subsection 4, for directed contract research or for
9 8 nondirected research shall be \$1 for each \$3 of state funds.
9 9 The match required for other businesses for directed contract
9 10 research or for nondirected research shall be \$1 for each \$1
9 11 of state funds. The match required of industrial foundations
9 12 or trade associations shall be \$1 for each \$1 of state funds.
9 13 Iowa state university of science and technology shall

9 14 report annually to the joint appropriations subcommittee on
9 15 economic development and the legislative services agency the
9 16 total amount of private contributions, the proportion of
9 17 contributions from small businesses and other businesses, and
9 18 the proportion for directed contract research and nondirected
9 19 research of benefit to Iowa businesses and industrial sectors.
9 20 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in this
9 21 section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close
9 22 of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available
9 23 for expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of
9 24 the succeeding fiscal year.

9 25 Sec. 13. UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

9 26 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
9 27 state to the state university of Iowa for the fiscal year
9 28 beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, the
9 29 following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
9 30 used for the state university of Iowa research park and for
9 31 the advanced drug development program at the Oakdale research
9 32 park, including salaries, support, maintenance, equipment,
9 33 miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the following
9 34 full-time equivalent positions:

9 35 \$ 247,005
10 1 FTEs 6.00

10 2 2. The state university of Iowa shall do all of the
10 3 following:

- 10 4 a. Direct expenditures for research toward projects that
10 5 will provide economic stimulus for Iowa.
- 10 6 b. Provide emphasis to providing services to Iowa-based
10 7 companies.

10 8 3. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in
10 9 this section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
10 10 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
10 11 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until
10 12 the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

10 13 Sec. 14. UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA.

10 14 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
10 15 state to the university of northern Iowa for the fiscal year
10 16 beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, the
10 17 following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
10 18 used for the metal casting institute, for the myentrenet
10 19 internet application, and for the institute of decision
10 20 making, including salaries, support, maintenance,
10 21 miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the following
10 22 full-time equivalent positions:

10 23 \$ 661,291
10 24 FTEs 6.75

10 25 2. The university of northern Iowa shall do all of the
10 26 following:

- 10 27 a. Direct expenditures for research toward projects that
10 28 will provide economic stimulus for Iowa.
- 10 29 b. Provide emphasis to providing services to Iowa-based
10 30 companies.

10 31 3. From the moneys appropriated in this section, the
10 32 university of northern Iowa shall use at least \$300,000 for
10 33 purposes of expanding the service area of the myentrenet
10 34 internet application.

10 35 4. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in
11 1 this section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
11 2 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
11 3 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until
11 4 the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

11 5 Sec. 15. BOARD OF REGENTS REPORT. The state board of
11 6 regents shall submit a report on the progress of regents
11 7 institutions in meeting the strategic plan for technology
11 8 transfer and economic development to the secretary of the
11 9 senate, the chief clerk of the house of representatives, and
11 10 the legislative services agency by January 15, 2008.

11 11 Sec. 16. DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.

11 12 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
11 13 state to the department of workforce development for the
11 14 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008,
11 15 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, for
11 16 the division of labor services, the division of workers'
11 17 compensation, the workforce development state and regional
11 18 boards, new Iowans centers, salaries, support, maintenance,
11 19 and miscellaneous purposes and for not more than the following
11 20 full-time equivalent positions:

11 21 \$ 6,096,762
11 22 FTEs 96.45

11 23 Of the moneys appropriated in this subsection, the
11 24 department shall allocate \$225,000 for purposes of reducing

11 25 the backlog of cases before the commissioner of workers'
11 26 compensation and for increasing support for the voluntary
11 27 compliance program.

11 28 Of the moneys appropriated in this subsection, the
11 29 department shall allocate at least \$528,000 for purposes of
11 30 increasing the number of occupational safety and health
11 31 inspectors.

11 32 2. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
11 33 state to the department of workforce development for the
11 34 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008,
11 35 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to
12 1 be used for the purpose designated:

12 2 For the operation of field offices and for not more than
12 3 the following full-time equivalent positions:
12 4 \$ 6,951,014
12 5 FTEs 86.04

12 6 3. From the contractor registration fees, the division of
12 7 labor services shall reimburse the department of inspections
12 8 and appeals for all costs associated with hearings under
12 9 chapter 91C, relating to contractor registration.

12 10 4. The division of workers' compensation shall continue
12 11 charging a \$65 filing fee for workers' compensation cases.
12 12 The filing fee shall be paid by the petitioner of a claim.
12 13 However, the fee can be taxed as a cost and paid by the losing
12 14 party, except in cases where it would impose an undue hardship
12 15 or be unjust under the circumstances. The moneys generated by
12 16 the filing fee allowed under this subsection are appropriated
12 17 to the department of workforce development to be used for
12 18 purposes of administering the division of workers'
12 19 compensation.

12 20 5. The department of workforce development shall maintain
12 21 new Iowans centers that offer one-stop services to deal with
12 22 the multiple issues related to immigration and employment.
12 23 The centers shall be designed to support workers, businesses,
12 24 and communities with information, referrals, job placement
12 25 assistance, translation, language training, resettlement, as
12 26 well as technical and legal assistance on such issues as forms
12 27 and documentation. Through the coordination of local, state,
12 28 and federal service providers, and through the development of
12 29 partnerships with public, private, and nonprofit entities with
12 30 established records of international service, these centers
12 31 shall seek to provide a seamless service delivery system for
12 32 new Iowans.

12 33 6. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in
12 34 this section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
12 35 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
13 1 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until
13 2 the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

13 3 Sec. 17. ACCOUNTABILITY == AUDIT.

13 4 1. The department of workforce development shall establish
13 5 accountability measures for all subcontractors. By January
13 6 15, 2008, the department shall submit a written report to the
13 7 chairpersons and ranking members of the joint appropriations
13 8 subcommittee on economic development which shall include a
13 9 list of contracts held by the department and accountability
13 10 measures in effect for each contract.

13 11 2. The auditor of state shall annually conduct an audit of
13 12 the department of workforce development and shall report the
13 13 findings of such annual audit, including the accountability of
13 14 programs of the department, to the chairpersons and ranking
13 15 members of the joint appropriations subcommittee on economic
13 16 development. The department shall pay for the costs
13 17 associated with the audit.

13 18 3. The legislative services agency shall conduct an annual
13 19 review of salaries paid to employees of entities organized
13 20 under chapter 28E and salaries paid under a contract with the
13 21 department of workforce development. The legislative services
13 22 agency shall report its findings to the chairpersons and
13 23 ranking members of the joint appropriations subcommittee on
13 24 economic development.

13 25 Sec. 18. EMPLOYMENT SECURITY CONTINGENCY FUND. There is
13 26 appropriated from the special employment security contingency
13 27 fund to the department of workforce development for the fiscal
13 28 year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, the
13 29 following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, for the
13 30 purposes designated:

13 31 For the division of workers' compensation, salaries,
13 32 support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:
13 33 \$ 471,000

13 34 Any remaining additional penalty and interest revenue may
13 35 be allocated and used to accomplish the mission of the

14 1 department.
14 2 Sec. 19. UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION RESERVE FUND.
14 3 Notwithstanding section 96.9, subsection 8, paragraph "e",
14 4 there is appropriated from interest earned on the unemployment
14 5 compensation reserve fund to the department of workforce
14 6 development for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and
14 7 ending June 30, 2008, the following amount for the operation
14 8 of field offices:
14 9 \$ 5,700,000
14 10 Sec. 20. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS BOARD. There is
14 11 appropriated from the general fund of the state to the public
14 12 employment relations board for the fiscal year beginning July
14 13 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, the following amount, or so
14 14 much thereof as is necessary, for the purposes designated:
14 15 For salaries, support, maintenance, miscellaneous purposes,
14 16 and for not more than the following full-time equivalent
14 17 positions:
14 18 \$ 1,170,486
14 19 FTEs 11.00
14 20 Sec. 21. VALUE-ADDED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND PROCESSES
14 21 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FUND MONEYS. The office of renewable
14 22 fuels and coproducts may apply to the department of economic
14 23 development for moneys in the value-added agricultural
14 24 products and processes financial assistance fund for deposit
14 25 in the renewable fuels and coproducts fund created in section
14 26 159A.7.
14 27 Sec. 22. IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY AUDIT. The auditor of
14 28 state is requested to review the audit of the Iowa finance
14 29 authority performed by the auditor hired by the authority.
14 30 Sec. 23. APPLICATION FOR DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC
14 31 DEVELOPMENT MONEYS. For the fiscal year beginning July 1,
14 32 2007, any entity that was specifically identified in 2001 Iowa
14 33 Acts, chapter 188, to receive funding from the department of
14 34 economic development, excluding any entity identified to
14 35 receive a direct appropriation beginning July 1, 2007, may
15 1 apply to the department for assistance through the appropriate
15 2 program. The department shall provide application criteria
15 3 necessary to implement this section.
15 4 Sec. 24. SHELTER ASSISTANCE FUND. In providing moneys
15 5 from the shelter assistance fund to homeless shelter programs
15 6 in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30,
15 7 2008, the department of economic development shall explore the
15 8 potential of allocating moneys to homeless shelter programs
15 9 based in part on their ability to move their clients toward
15 10 self-sufficiency.
15 11 Sec. 25. UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROGRAM.
15 12 Notwithstanding section 96.9, subsection 4, paragraph "a",
15 13 moneys credited to the state by the secretary of the treasury
15 14 of the United States pursuant to section 903 of the Social
15 15 Security Act shall be appropriated to the department of
15 16 workforce development and shall be used by the department for
15 17 the administration of the unemployment compensation program
15 18 only. This appropriation shall not apply to any fiscal year
15 19 beginning after December 31, 2007.
15 20 Sec. 26. STATE EMPLOYEE TELECOMMUTING == POLICY
15 21 DEVELOPMENT == IMPLEMENTATION.
15 22 1. The director of a department or state agency to which
15 23 appropriations are made pursuant to the provisions of this Act
15 24 shall assess the extent to which job classifications or
15 25 individual employment positions with the department or agency
15 26 might be effectively performed from an employee's residence or
15 27 other remote location through telecommuting, thereby
15 28 increasing office space within the department or agency and
15 29 reducing administrative costs. The assessment shall include
15 30 an estimate of the number of department or agency employees
15 31 whose job responsibilities could be effectively performed on a
15 32 telecommuting basis, projected costs of establishing and
15 33 maintaining work stations at an employee's residence or other
15 34 remote location and providing telecommuter support,
15 35 anticipated savings to the department or agency through a
16 1 reduction in the office-based workforce, and anticipated time
16 2 and cost savings to telecommuting employees. A report
16 3 summarizing the assessment shall be submitted to the director
16 4 of the department of administrative services, and the members
16 5 of the general assembly, by November 1, 2007.
16 6 2. Based on the assessment conducted pursuant to
16 7 subsection 1, the director shall develop a telecommuter
16 8 employment policy for the department or agency and a timeline
16 9 for initial policy implementation and plans for expanding the
16 10 number of telecommuting employees. Specific office-based
16 11 workforce reduction percentages shall be left to the

16 12 discretion of the director, but the director shall implement a
16 13 policy transferring some number of office-based employees to
16 14 telecommuter status by January 1, 2008. The director shall
16 15 report to the director of the department of administrative
16 16 services and the members of the general assembly on an annual
16 17 basis beginning January 1, 2009, the number of telecommuting
16 18 employees, cost savings achieved by the department or agency,
16 19 and plans for continued transfer of office-based employees to
16 20 telecommuter status.

16 21 EXPLANATION

16 22 This bill makes appropriations and transfers from the
16 23 general fund of the state to the department of cultural
16 24 affairs, the department of economic development, the
16 25 university of Iowa, the university of northern Iowa, Iowa
16 26 state university, the department of workforce development,
16 27 Iowa finance authority, and the public employment relations
16 28 board for the 2007=2008 fiscal year.

16 29 The bill provides that the goals for the department of
16 30 economic development shall be to expand and stimulate the
16 31 state economy, increase the wealth of Iowans, and increase the
16 32 population of the state.

16 33 The bill appropriates from loan repayments on loans under
16 34 the former rural community 2000 program to the department of
16 35 economic development moneys for providing financial assistance
17 1 to Iowa's councils of governments that provide technical and
17 2 planning assistance to local governments.

17 3 The bill transfers moneys collected by the division of
17 4 insurance in excess of the anticipated gross revenues to the
17 5 department of economic development for purposes of insurance
17 6 economic development and international insurance economic
17 7 development.

17 8 The bill appropriates moneys from the Iowa community
17 9 development loan fund to the department of economic
17 10 development for purposes of the community development program.

17 11 The bill appropriates moneys from the workforce development
17 12 fund account to the workforce development fund.

17 13 The bill provides that moneys appropriated or transferred
17 14 to or receipts credited to the workforce development fund may
17 15 be used for administration of workforce development
17 16 activities.

17 17 The bill provides that all moneys remaining in the job
17 18 training fund on July 1, 2007, and any moneys appropriated or
17 19 credited to the fund during the fiscal year beginning July 1,
17 20 2007, shall be transferred to the workforce development fund.

17 21 The bill requires the state board of regents to submit a
17 22 report on the progress of regents institutions in meeting the
17 23 strategic plan for technology transfer and economic
17 24 development.

17 25 The bill requires the department of workforce development
17 26 to establish accountability measures for all subcontractors.
17 27 The bill requires the auditor of state to annually conduct an
17 28 audit of the department of workforce development. The bill
17 29 requires the legislative services agency to conduct an annual
17 30 review of salaries paid to employees of entities organized
17 31 under chapter 28E and salaries paid under a contract with the
17 32 department of workforce development.

17 33 The bill appropriates moneys from the special employment
17 34 security contingency fund to the department of workforce
17 35 development for the division of workers' compensation.

18 1 The bill appropriates interest earned on the unemployment
18 2 compensation reserve fund to the department of workforce
18 3 development for the operation of field offices.

18 4 The bill allows the office of renewable fuels and
18 5 coproducts to apply to the department of economic development
18 6 for moneys in the value-added agricultural products and
18 7 processes financial assistance fund for deposit in the
18 8 renewable fuels and coproducts fund.

18 9 The bill requests the auditor of state to review the audit
18 10 of the Iowa finance authority performed by the auditor hired
18 11 by the authority.

18 12 The bill provides that, for the fiscal year beginning July
18 13 1, 2007, any entity that was specifically identified in 2001
18 14 Iowa Acts, chapter 188, to receive funding from the department
18 15 of economic development, excluding any entity identified to
18 16 receive a direct appropriation beginning July 1, 2007, may
18 17 apply to the department for assistance through the appropriate
18 18 program.

18 19 The bill provides that, in providing moneys from the
18 20 shelter assistance fund to homeless shelter programs, the
18 21 department of economic development shall explore the potential
18 22 of allocating moneys to programs based in part on their

18 23 ability to move their clients toward self-sufficiency.

18 24 The bill appropriates moneys from moneys credited to the
18 25 state by the secretary of the treasury of the United States
18 26 pursuant to the Social Security Act to the department of
18 27 workforce development for the administration of the
18 28 unemployment compensation program only.

18 29 The bill requires each department or state agency receiving
18 30 appropriations in the bill to file a report with the
18 31 department of administrative services and the general assembly
18 32 regarding an assessment of the telecommuting possibilities for
18 33 the department or state agency. Based on the assessment, the
18 34 bill requires an implementation plan to be developed. The
18 35 bill provides an annual reporting requirement regarding
19 1 telecommuter issues.

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