

# Senate Study Bill 3304

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to area health education centers, and providing  
2 an appropriation.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
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1 1 Section 1. AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTER PROGRAM ==  
1 2 ESTABLISHED == APPROPRIATION.  
1 3 1. The university of Iowa college of nursing and a private  
1 4 medical school located in the state offering graduate-level,  
1 5 health-related professional degree programs, which are the  
1 6 recipients of grants from the health resources and services  
1 7 administration of the United States department of health and  
1 8 human services, shall establish and administer an area health  
1 9 education centers program. The program shall create networks  
1 10 for recruitment and retention of health care workers in rural  
1 11 and underserved areas and shall address workforce and medical  
1 12 shortages by providing community-based regional area health  
1 13 education centers throughout the state. The purposes of the  
1 14 centers are to promote health care careers in grades  
1 15 kindergarten through twelve and among students seeking  
1 16 bachelor's degrees, provide expanded clinical training  
1 17 opportunities to health profession students, develop  
1 18 continuing education offerings to primary care providers  
1 19 within rural and underserved areas of the state, and enhance  
1 20 local community efforts in addressing health care needs  
1 21 specific to each location. The centers shall be located  
1 22 within a host site in the designated geographic region being  
1 23 served, shall be governed by a community-based advisory board,  
1 24 shall conduct regional needs assessment, and shall provide  
1 25 programs and activities to address the health care workforce  
1 26 shortage issues including those specifically related to  
1 27 primary care providers.  
1 28 2. The objectives of the centers shall include all of the  
1 29 following:  
1 30 a. Development of health care career promotion activities  
1 31 for grades kindergarten through twelve in conjunction with  
1 32 area schools and health profession schools and universities.  
1 33 b. Formation of health care career promotion programs and  
1 34 events for students seeking a bachelor's degree.  
1 35 c. Recruitment and training of primary care mentors for  
2 1 expanded clinical training opportunities for health profession  
2 2 students in rural and underserved areas.  
2 3 d. Creation of full-time rural practice scholarships and  
2 4 interdisciplinary rural practice track curriculum.  
2 5 e. Development of continuing education programs for  
2 6 primary care providers regarding mental health training,  
2 7 cultural competency, and health literacy.  
2 8 f. Provision of increased access of library services to  
2 9 primary care providers in rural and underserved areas.  
2 10 g. Establishment of data gathering and evaluation  
2 11 processes for continual assessment and improvement of the  
2 12 centers.  
2 13 h. Provision of community-based programs and activities  
2 14 which may include but are not limited to health fairs, health  
2 15 care career presentations, mini-medical schools, job  
2 16 shadowing, mentoring, simulation labs, preceptor development,  
2 17 and community education.  
2 18 i. Enhancement of local community efforts in addressing

2 19 health care needs specific to each location.  
2 20 3. There is appropriated from the general fund of the  
2 21 state to the department of public health for the fiscal year  
2 22 beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009, the  
2 23 following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, for the  
2 24 purpose designated:

2 25 For allocation to a private medical school in the state  
2 26 offering graduate-level, health-related professional degree  
2 27 programs which is a recipient of a grant from the health  
2 28 resources and services administration of the United States  
2 29 department of health and human services to establish and  
2 30 administer an area health education center program as  
2 31 described in this section:

2 32 ..... \$ 300,000

2 33 EXPLANATION

2 34 This bill provides for the establishment and administration  
2 35 of an area health education centers program by the university  
3 1 of Iowa college of nursing and a private medical school in the  
3 2 state which are the recipients of federal grants to provide  
3 3 community-based regional area health education centers  
3 4 throughout the state. The bill provides that the purposes of  
3 5 the centers are to promote health care careers in grades  
3 6 kindergarten through 12 and for students seeking bachelor's  
3 7 degrees, provide expanded clinical training opportunities to  
3 8 health profession students, develop continuing education  
3 9 offerings to primary care providers within rural and  
3 10 underserved areas of the state, and enhance local community  
3 11 efforts to address health-related needs. The centers are to  
3 12 be located within a host site in the designated geographic  
3 13 region being served, shall be governed by a community-based  
3 14 advisory board, shall conduct regional needs assessment, and  
3 15 shall provide programs and activities to address the health  
3 16 care workforce shortage issues including those specifically  
3 17 related to primary care providers. The bill specifies the  
3 18 objectives of the centers and provides for an appropriation to  
3 19 the department of public health for FY 2008=2009 for  
3 20 allocation to a private medical school to establish and  
3 21 administer an area health education centers program.

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