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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the aging and disability resource center  
2 network and providing an appropriation.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER —  
2 APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated from the general fund  
3 of the state to the department on aging for the fiscal year  
4 beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015, the following  
5 amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the  
6 purposes designated:

7 For the establishment of an aging and disability resource  
8 center in each of the area agencies on aging as specified in  
9 section 231.64:

10 ..... \$ 1,300,000

11 EXPLANATION

12 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
13 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

14 This bill appropriates \$1.3 million from the general  
15 fund of the state to the department on aging (IDA) for FY  
16 2014-2015 to establish an aging and disability resource  
17 center in each of the area agencies on aging. Under Code  
18 section 231.64, aging and disability resource centers are  
19 to be administered by IDA consistent with the federal Older  
20 Americans Act. IDA is directed to designate area agencies on  
21 aging to establish, in consultation with other stakeholders  
22 including organizations representing the disability community,  
23 a coordinated system to provide comprehensive information,  
24 referral, and assistance regarding the full range of available  
25 public and private long-term care programs, options, service  
26 providers, and resources within a community, including  
27 information on the availability of integrated long-term care;  
28 options counseling to assist individuals in assessing their  
29 existing or anticipated long-term care needs and developing and  
30 implementing a plan for long-term care designed to meet their  
31 specific needs and circumstances; and consumer access to the  
32 range of publicly supported long-term care programs for which  
33 consumers may be eligible, by serving as a convenient point of  
34 entry for such programs. The aging and disability resource  
35 center is required to assist older individuals (those 60 years

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1 of age and older), persons with disabilities age 18 and older,  
2 family caregivers, and people who inquire about or request  
3 assistance on behalf of members of these groups, as they seek  
4 long-term care living services and community supports.