

House File 459 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act making an appropriation to the department of education
2 for purposes of high school equivalency diploma test costs.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 259A.1, Code 2013, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **259A.1 Tests — appropriation.**

4 1. The department of education shall cause to be made
5 available for qualified individuals a high school equivalency
6 diploma. The diploma shall be issued on the basis of
7 satisfactory competence as shown by tests covering all of the
8 following: reading, arts, language arts, writing, mathematics,
9 science, and social studies.

10 2. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
11 to the department of education for the fiscal year beginning
12 July 1, 2013, and each succeeding fiscal year, the sum of
13 fifty thousand dollars to be allocated to community colleges
14 as provided in paragraph "a" to assist qualified individuals
15 in paying the costs of tests administered pursuant to this
16 section.

17 a. Allocation of the moneys appropriated pursuant to
18 subsection 1 shall be based upon the proportion that the sum of
19 the tests administered pursuant to this section by a community
20 college for the previous fiscal year bears to the sum of the
21 tests administered pursuant to this section by all of the
22 community colleges in the state for the previous fiscal year,
23 as reported to the department.

24 b. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in this
25 subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close
26 of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available
27 for expenditure for the purposes designated until the close
28 of the succeeding fiscal year, and shall not be transferred,
29 used, obligated, appropriated, or otherwise encumbered except
30 as provided in this section.

31 EXPLANATION

32 This bill appropriates \$50,000 annually from the general
33 fund of the state to the department of education to be
34 allocated to community colleges to assist qualified individuals
35 in paying the costs of tests administered for purposes of

1 achieving a high school equivalency diploma.

2 Allocation of the moneys appropriated is based upon the
3 proportion that the sum of the high school equivalency tests
4 administered by a community college for the previous fiscal
5 year bears to the sum of the high school equivalency tests
6 administered by all of the community colleges in the state for
7 the previous fiscal year, as reported to the department.

8 Moneys appropriated that remain unencumbered or unobligated
9 at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall
10 remain available for expenditure for the same purpose until
11 the close of the succeeding fiscal year, and shall not be
12 transferred, used, obligated, appropriated, or otherwise
13 encumbered for any other purpose.