

**Senate File 377 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN  
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 12)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to area health education centers, creating  
2 an area health education centers fund, and providing an  
3 appropriation.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 135.179 Area health education  
2 centers fund.

3 An area health education centers fund is created in the  
4 state treasury as a separate fund under the control of the  
5 department. The department may receive appropriations,  
6 contributions, grants, and in-kind contributions to support  
7 the purposes of the fund. The fund shall be separate from the  
8 general fund of the state and shall not be considered part of  
9 the general fund of the state. The moneys in the fund shall  
10 not be considered revenue of the state, but rather shall be  
11 moneys of the fund. The moneys in the fund are appropriated  
12 to the department to be distributed to a publicly owned acute  
13 care teaching hospital located in a county with a population  
14 over three hundred fifty thousand that shall subcontract  
15 with health care entities that host regional area health  
16 education centers to recruit and retain a skilled health care  
17 workforce in rural and underserved areas of the state. The  
18 funds distributed shall be used to provide the nonfederal  
19 funding match requirement for receipt of federal grants for  
20 area health education centers from the federal health resources  
21 and services administration of the United States department of  
22 health and human services and to assist with continuation of  
23 existing educational health care programs and activities. The  
24 moneys in the fund are not subject to section 8.33 and shall  
25 not be transferred, used, obligated, appropriated, or otherwise  
26 encumbered, except to provide for the purposes of this section.  
27 Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or  
28 earnings on moneys deposited in the fund shall be credited to  
29 the fund.

30 Sec. 2. AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTERS —  
31 APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated from the general  
32 fund of the state for deposit in the area health education  
33 centers fund created in section 135.179 pursuant to this Act,  
34 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30,  
35 2014, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary,

1 for the purposes specified for the fund:

2 ..... \$ 500,000

3 Sec. 3. CODE EDITOR DIRECTIVE. The Code editor shall create  
4 a new division in chapter 135 codifying section 135.179, as  
5 enacted in this Act, as the area health education centers fund.

6 EXPLANATION

7 This bill relates to area health education centers (AHECs).  
8 The bill creates an area health education centers fund in  
9 the state treasury as a separate fund under the control of  
10 the department of public health. The moneys in the fund  
11 are appropriated to the department to be distributed to a  
12 publicly owned acute care teaching hospital located in a county  
13 with a population over 350,000 that shall subcontract with  
14 health care entities that host AHECs to recruit and retain  
15 health care providers in rural and underserved areas of the  
16 state. The funds distributed are to be used to provide the  
17 nonfederal funding match requirement for receipt of federal  
18 grants for AHECs from the federal health resources and services  
19 administration of the United States department of health and  
20 human services and to provide for continuation of existing  
21 educational health care programs and activities.

22 The bill also makes an appropriation of \$500,000 from the  
23 general fund of the state for deposit in the area health  
24 education centers fund to be used for the purposes of the fund.