

Senate File 110 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing an Iowa employment rides initiative and
2 related fund in the economic development authority.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 15.431 Iowa employment rides
2 initiative — grant program — fund.

3 1. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise
4 requires:

5 a. "*Employment transportation*" means an urban or
6 rural program or service that provides an individual with
7 transportation solely to or from a workplace, including but not
8 limited to the following programs and services:

9 (1) Expanding or sustaining existing transportation
10 services or service hours.

11 (2) Coordinating ride share services, including car pool or
12 van pool services.

13 (3) Shuttle services.

14 b. "*Public transit system*" means the same as defined in
15 section 324A.1.

16 2. The Iowa employment rides initiative is established in
17 the authority to provide funds to public transit systems for
18 programs and services that provide employment transportation
19 to Iowans.

20 3. The authority shall award funds from the initiative
21 on a competitive grant basis. A grant shall not exceed one
22 hundred fifty thousand dollars. A grant application shall
23 contain a commitment from the public transit system of at least
24 a dollar-for-dollar match of the grant funds awarded. Moneys
25 charged to individuals receiving employment transportation
26 services cannot be used as matching funds. Grant funds shall
27 be used only for operational costs directly associated with
28 providing employment transportation and shall not be used for
29 capital expenditures or construction.

30 4. A public transit system may coordinate with other local,
31 state, or federal governmental agencies and private nonprofit
32 organizations in the administration of a program or service
33 receiving a grant under the initiative and in expenditure of
34 grant funds.

35 5. The authority shall include in the authority's annual

1 report pursuant to section 15.107B information on the outcomes
2 of the initiative, including the grant amount, the type
3 of program or service receiving funds, and the number of
4 individuals served for each grant awarded by the initiative.
5 As a condition of having received a grant from the initiative,
6 a public transit system shall provide the authority with
7 information on any program or service for which the public
8 transit system is awarded a grant from the initiative.

9 6. The authority shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A
10 to administer the initiative, including but not limited to an
11 application process and grant award criteria.

12 7. a. An Iowa employment rides fund is created in the state
13 treasury under the control of the authority. The fund shall
14 consist of moneys appropriated to the authority and any other
15 moneys available to, obtained, or accepted by the authority for
16 placement in the fund.

17 b. Moneys in the fund shall be used to provide grants
18 under the Iowa employment rides initiative established in this
19 section.

20 c. Moneys in the fund are not subject to section 8.33.
21 Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or
22 earnings on moneys in the fund shall be credited to the fund.

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EXPLANATION

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

26 This bill establishes an Iowa employment rides initiative
27 in the economic development authority to provide funds to
28 public transit systems for programs and services that provide
29 employment transportation to Iowans.

30 The bill defines "employment transportation" as an urban
31 or rural program or service that provides an individual with
32 transportation solely to or from a workplace, including but
33 not limited to expanding or sustaining existing transportation
34 services or service hours; coordinating ride share services,
35 including car pool or van pool services; and shuttle services.

1 A "public transit system" is defined under Code section
2 324A.1 as an urban or regional transit system providing
3 transit services accessible to the general public and receiving
4 federal, state, or local tax support.

5 The authority shall award funds from the initiative on a
6 competitive grant basis. A grant cannot exceed \$150,000. A
7 grant application must contain a commitment from the public
8 transit system of at least a dollar-for-dollar match of the
9 grant funds awarded. Moneys charged to individuals receiving
10 employment transportation services cannot be used as matching
11 funds. Grant funds can only be used for operational costs
12 directly associated with providing employment transportation
13 and cannot be used for capital expenditures or construction.

14 The bill permits a public transit system to coordinate
15 with other local, state, or federal governmental agencies and
16 private nonprofit organizations in the administration of a
17 program or service receiving a grant under the initiative and
18 in expenditure of grant funds awarded.

19 As a condition of receiving a grant from the initiative,
20 a public transit system must provide the authority with
21 information on any program or service for which the public
22 transit system is awarded a grant. The bill requires the
23 authority to include information in the authority's annual
24 report to the general assembly on the outcomes of the
25 initiative, including the grant amount, the type of program or
26 service receiving funds, and the number of individuals served
27 for each grant awarded by the initiative.

28 The bill requires the department to adopt administrative
29 rules to administer the initiative, including but not limited
30 to an application process and grant award criteria.

31 The bill creates an employment rides fund in the state
32 treasury under the control of the authority. The fund shall
33 consist of moneys appropriated to the authority and any other
34 moneys available to, obtained, or accepted by the authority for
35 placement in the fund. The moneys in the fund shall be used

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1 to provide grants under the Iowa employment rides initiative
2 established in the bill.