

**House File 152 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act providing an appropriation for continuation of  
2 the program to provide assistance with burial expenses  
3 for children of low-income families, and providing an  
4 appropriation.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. UNINTENDED DEATH OF A CHILD BURIAL EXPENSES —  
2 LOW-INCOME FAMILIES — APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated  
3 from the general fund of the state to the department of public  
4 health for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending  
5 June 30, 2018, the following amount, or so much thereof as is  
6 necessary for the purpose designated:

7 For continuation of the program to assist parents,  
8 guardians, and custodians with costs resulting from the  
9 unintended death of a child in accordance with 2014 Iowa  
10 Acts, ch. 1140, section 22, subsection 12. Notwithstanding  
11 section 8.33, moneys appropriated in this section that remain  
12 unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year  
13 shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure for  
14 the purpose designated until expended:

15 ..... \$ 200,000

16 EXPLANATION

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

19 This bill appropriates \$200,000 from the general fund of  
20 the state to the department of public health for FY 2017-2018  
21 to continue the program established in the 2014 Iowa Acts, to  
22 assist parents, guardians, and custodians, with incomes less  
23 than 145 percent of the federal poverty level, with funeral,  
24 burial or cremation, cemetery, or grave marker costs resulting  
25 from the unintended death of a child. The maximum amount  
26 of the assistance provided is \$2,000. As with the existing  
27 program, moneys that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the  
28 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain  
29 available for expenditure for the purpose designated until  
30 expended.