

**Senate File 225 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to a flood relief assistance program and making  
2 appropriations.

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

1 Section 1. Section 7D.29, subsection 2, paragraph b, Code  
2 2017, is amended to read as follows:

3 b. The notification requirement specified in paragraph  
4 "a" is not applicable to a request for the expenditure of  
5 disaster aid from the contingent fund created in section  
6 29C.20, ~~or to~~ a request for the expenditure of disaster aid  
7 individual assistance grant funds pursuant to section 29C.20A,  
8 or a request for assistance under the flood relief assistance  
9 program created in section 29C.20C.

10 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 29C.20C Flood relief assistance  
11 program.

12 1. A flood relief assistance program shall be established  
13 by the department. Financial assistance under the program may  
14 be awarded following the governor's proclamation of a state of  
15 disaster emergency due to a flood. Financial assistance shall  
16 be paid from the appropriations addressed in section 7D.29.  
17 The executive council, in cooperation with the department, may  
18 expend moneys under the program for buy-out grants to owners  
19 of property damaged by the flood. In order for a property  
20 owner to receive grant moneys, the owner must be eligible to  
21 receive other federal emergency assistance moneys for the same  
22 property.

23 2. The aggregate financial assistance awarded pursuant to  
24 subsection 1 shall not exceed one million dollars during a  
25 fiscal year.

26 EXPLANATION

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

29 This bill requires the department of homeland security and  
30 emergency management to establish a flood relief assistance  
31 program. Under the program, financial assistance may be  
32 awarded following the governor's proclamation of a state of  
33 disaster emergency due to a flood. The financial assistance  
34 is to be funded through the executive council's performance of  
35 duty standing unlimited appropriation from the Iowa economic

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1 emergency fund. The executive council, in cooperation with  
2 the department of homeland security and emergency management,  
3 is permitted to expend moneys under the program for buy-out  
4 grants to owners of property damaged by the flood. In order  
5 for a property owner to receive grant moneys, the owner must be  
6 eligible to receive other federal emergency assistance moneys  
7 for the same property. The aggregate financial assistance  
8 awarded under the program shall not exceed \$1 million during  
9 a fiscal year.

10 The bill makes certain notification requirements  
11 inapplicable when moneys are expended for the program pursuant  
12 to the executive council's performance of duty appropriation.