

House File 2185 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing the advanced dyslexia specialist

2 endorsement grant program.

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

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **261.109 Advanced dyslexia**
2 **specialist endorsement grant program.**

3 1. If moneys are appropriated by the general assembly
4 for a fiscal year for the purpose provided in this section,
5 the college student aid commission, in collaboration with
6 the department of education, shall develop and administer
7 a grant program to provide grants to teachers to obtain an
8 advanced dyslexia specialist endorsement pursuant to section
9 272.2, subsection 23, to help offset the cost associated with
10 obtaining the advanced dyslexia specialist endorsement.

11 2. The college student aid commission shall establish the
12 evaluation criteria to be used in evaluating applications for
13 grants submitted under this section. Priority shall be given
14 to applicants who are residents of Iowa and to applicants who
15 graduated from an institution of higher learning governed by
16 the state board of regents or an accredited private institution
17 as defined in section 261.9.

18 3. The college student aid commission, in collaboration
19 with the department of education, shall adopt rules pursuant to
20 chapter 17A to administer this section.

21 4. An advanced dyslexia specialist endorsement grant
22 program fund is established in the state treasury. The fund
23 shall be administered by the college student aid commission and
24 shall consist of moneys appropriated by the general assembly
25 and any other moneys received by the college student aid
26 commission for deposit in the fund. The moneys in the fund
27 are appropriated to the college student aid commission for
28 the advanced dyslexia specialist endorsement grant program.
29 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys in the fund at the close
30 of the fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund of
31 the state but shall remain available for expenditure for the
32 advanced dyslexia specialist endorsement grant program for
33 subsequent fiscal years. Notwithstanding section 12C.7,
34 subsection 2, interest or earnings on moneys in the fund shall
35 be credited to the fund.

1 EXPLANATION

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

4 This bill establishes the advanced dyslexia specialist
5 endorsement grant program.

6 The bill requires the college student aid commission
7 (commission), in collaboration with the department of education
8 (department), to develop and administer a grant program to
9 provide grants to teachers to obtain an advanced dyslexia
10 specialist endorsement pursuant to Code section 272.2(23), to
11 help offset the cost associated with obtaining the endorsement,
12 if moneys are appropriated by the general assembly for a fiscal
13 year for this purpose.

14 The bill requires the commission to establish the criteria
15 to be used when evaluating applications for grants submitted
16 under the advanced dyslexia specialist endorsement grant
17 program. The bill also requires the commission to give
18 priority to applicants who are residents of Iowa and to
19 applicants who graduated from an institution of higher learning
20 governed by the state board of regents or an accredited private
21 institution.

22 The bill requires the commission, in collaboration with the
23 department, to adopt rules to administer the advanced dyslexia
24 specialist endorsement grant program.

25 The bill establishes an advanced dyslexia specialist
26 endorsement grant program fund in the state treasury.