

House File 104 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act establishing the advanced dyslexia specialist
- 2 endorsement competitive grant program within the department
- 3 of education and making appropriations.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 256.20 **Advanced dyslexia specialist**
2 **endorsement competitive grant program.**

3 1. The department shall develop and administer an advanced
4 dyslexia specialist endorsement competitive grant program
5 to provide grants to teachers licensed under chapter 272 to
6 offset the costs associated with obtaining an advanced dyslexia
7 specialist endorsement issued by the board of educational
8 examiners pursuant to section 272.2, subsection 22.

9 2. The department shall not provide more than twenty-five
10 grants annually under this section unless surplus moneys are
11 available.

12 3. The state board shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A
13 to administer this section, including rules relating to grant
14 application materials, eligibility requirements, and award
15 criteria.

16 4. An advanced dyslexia specialist endorsement competitive
17 grant program fund is established in the state treasury. The
18 fund shall be administered by the department and shall consist
19 of moneys appropriated by the general assembly and other moneys
20 received by the department for deposit in the fund. The moneys
21 in the fund are appropriated to the department for the advanced
22 dyslexia specialist endorsement competitive grant program.
23 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys in the fund at the close
24 of the fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund of
25 the state but shall remain available for expenditure for the
26 advanced dyslexia specialist endorsement competitive grant
27 program for subsequent fiscal years. Notwithstanding section
28 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or earnings on moneys in the fund
29 shall be credited to the fund.

30 Sec. 2. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION — ADVANCED DYSLEXIA
31 SPECIALIST ENDORSEMENT COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM. There
32 is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the
33 department of education for the fiscal year beginning July
34 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, the following amount, or
35 so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes

1 designated:

2 For deposit in the advanced dyslexia specialist endorsement
3 competitive grant program fund established pursuant to section
4 256.20, if enacted:

5 \$ 335,000

6 EXPLANATION

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

9 This bill establishes the advanced dyslexia specialist
10 endorsement competitive grant program within the department of
11 education.

12 The bill requires the department to develop and administer
13 an advanced dyslexia specialist endorsement competitive grant
14 program to provide grants to teachers to offset the costs
15 associated with obtaining an advanced dyslexia specialist
16 endorsement issued by the board of educational examiners. The
17 bill appropriates \$335,000 from the general fund of the state
18 to the department for FY 2023-2024 for purposes of the program.

19 The bill prohibits the department from providing more than
20 25 grants annually under the program unless surplus moneys are
21 available. The bill requires the state board of education to
22 adopt rules to administer the program. The bill establishes
23 an advanced dyslexia specialist endorsement competitive grant
24 program fund in the state treasury and appropriates moneys in
25 the fund to the department for the program.