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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a dyslexia service providers grant program
2 and making appropriations.

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

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 256.38 Dyslexia service providers
2 grant program.

3 1. If moneys are appropriated by the general assembly for
4 a fiscal year for the purpose provided in this section, the
5 department shall establish and administer a dyslexia service
6 providers grant program. The dyslexia service providers grant
7 program shall provide grants to the parent or guardian of a
8 student who is enrolled in a school district to help offset
9 the cost associated with engaging the services of a dyslexia
10 service provider who is highly trained in dyslexia and has
11 a minimum of three years of field experience in screening,
12 identifying, and treating dyslexia and related disorders.

13 2. The state board shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter
14 17A for the dyslexia service providers grant program, including
15 rules related to grant application materials and evaluation
16 criteria and determining the priority for grants.

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

30 EXPLANATION

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

33 This bill establishes a dyslexia service providers grant
34 program.

35 The bill requires the department of education to establish

1 and administer a dyslexia service providers grant program to
2 provide grants to the parent or guardian of a student who
3 is enrolled in a school district to help offset the cost
4 associated with engaging the services of a dyslexia service
5 provider, if moneys are appropriated by the general assembly
6 for a fiscal year for this purpose.

7 The bill requires the state board of education to adopt
8 rules for the grant program, including rules related to grant
9 application materials and evaluation criteria and determining
10 the priority for grants.

11 The bill establishes a dyslexia service providers grant
12 program in the state treasury.