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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for the establishment of an American
2 legion auxiliary girls state grant program, and making
3 appropriations.

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

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 35A.19 American legion auxiliary
2 girls state grant program — fund.

3 1. An American legion auxiliary girls state grant program
4 is established under the administration and control of the
5 department to award grants to young women for attending the
6 American legion auxiliary girls state, for the purpose of
7 increasing access to such events for young women and helping
8 young women to develop leadership skills.

9 2. An American legion auxiliary girls state grant fund is
10 created within the state treasury under the control of the
11 department. The fund shall consist of appropriations made
12 to the fund and any other moneys available to and obtained
13 or accepted by the department for deposit in the fund. All
14 moneys in the fund are appropriated to the department for
15 purposes of administering the program and providing grants
16 under the program. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys in
17 the fund that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close
18 of a fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available
19 for expenditure for the purposes designated. Notwithstanding
20 section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or earnings on moneys in
21 the fund shall be credited to the fund.

22 3. In administering the program, the department shall award
23 grants to young women for the purpose of enabling them to
24 attend the American legion auxiliary girls state.

25 4. The department shall adopt, as necessary, application
26 procedures, forms, administrative guidelines, and other rules
27 pursuant to chapter 17A for purposes of implementing and
28 administering the program.

29 5. The department shall annually submit a report to the
30 general assembly and the governor that includes the amount of
31 moneys distributed from the fund and the number of people who
32 were awarded grants.

33 Sec. 2. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS — AMERICAN LEGION
34 AUXILIARY GIRLS STATE GRANT FUND APPROPRIATION. There
35 is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the

1 department of veterans affairs for the fiscal year beginning
2 July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the following amount,
3 or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
4 designated:

5 For deposit in the American legion auxiliary girls state
6 grant fund created in section 35A.19, as enacted by this Act:
7 \$150,000

8 EXPLANATION

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

11 This bill establishes an American legion auxiliary girls
12 state grant program and associated grant fund under the
13 administration of the department of veterans affairs for the
14 purpose of awarding grants to enable young women to attend the
15 American legion auxiliary girls state.

16 The bill requires the department to adopt application
17 procedures, forms, administrative guidelines, and other rules
18 for implementing and administering the program and to submit
19 an annual report to the general assembly and the governor that
20 includes information on the amount of moneys distributed from
21 the fund and the number of people who were awarded grants.
22 The bill also appropriates \$150,000 for FY 2024-2025 from the
23 general fund to the grant fund.