

House File 2383 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to training for health care facility inspectors,
- 2 and making appropriations.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 135C.35, Code 2026, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 4. The department, in consultation with
4 the board of nursing, shall establish continuing education
5 requirements that allow a person to maintain dual certification
6 as a certified nurse aide and an inspector under this chapter.

7 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. **135C.35D Health care facility**
8 **inspector incentive grant program.**

9 1. The department shall establish a health care facility
10 inspector incentive grant program to provide funding for
11 certified nurse aides to obtain necessary training to qualify as
12 inspectors under this chapter.

13 2. Under the program, the department shall award grants of
14 up to two thousand dollars to qualified applicants, with grant
15 amounts based on an applicant's number of years of employment as
16 a certified nurse aide and the amount of training necessary for
17 the applicant to qualify as an inspector under this chapter.

18 3. The department shall establish eligibility requirements,
19 award criteria, and application and other necessary procedures
20 for the program.

21 4. a. A health care facility inspector incentive grant
22 program fund is established in the state treasury under the
23 control of the department. The fund shall consist of moneys
24 appropriated to the fund by the general assembly, which may
25 include penalties collected by the department under this chapter.
26 Moneys in the fund are appropriated to the department to award
27 grants under this section.

28 b. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys in the fund at
29 the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall
30 remain available for expenditure for the purposes designated
31 for subsequent fiscal years. Notwithstanding section 12C.7,
32 subsection 2, interest or earnings on moneys in the fund shall
33 be credited to the fund.

34 5. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A
35 to administer this section.

1 certified nurse aides to obtain necessary training to qualify as
2 health care facility inspectors.

3 The bill provides that a grant shall be up to \$2,000 with
4 grant amounts based on an applicant's number of years of
5 employment as a certified nurse aide and the amount of training
6 necessary for the applicant to qualify as an inspector. The bill
7 requires the department to establish eligibility requirements,
8 award criteria, and application and other necessary procedures
9 for the program.

10 The bill establishes a health care facility inspector
11 incentive grant program fund to support the program.

12 The bill requires the board of directors of each community
13 college to establish a certificate program for long-term care
14 quality and inspection support. The bill specifies the content
15 and structure of the program. The bill directs the board
16 to pursue relevant state and federal grants and other funding
17 opportunities to establish and expand the program.

18 The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code
19 section 25B.3. The bill provides that moneys generated in
20 the bill are intended to cover the costs of any state mandate
21 included in the bill. The inclusion of this specification
22 of state funding is intended to reinstate the requirement of
23 political subdivisions to comply with any state mandates included
24 in the bill.