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A BILL FOR

1 An Act appropriating moneys to the department of health and human
2 services for refugee resettlement assistance.

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

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1 Section 1. APPROPRIATION — REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT
2 ASSISTANCE.

3 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
4 to the department of health and human services for the fiscal
5 year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the
6 following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used
7 for the purposes designated:

8 For distribution to nonprofit resettlement agencies
9 participating in the reception and placement assistance program
10 under a cooperative agreement with the United States department
11 of state for expenses incurred to provide resettlement assistance
12 to refugees in Iowa.

13 \$ 2,500,000

14 2. The department of health and human services shall
15 distribute the appropriated moneys proportionally to each
16 nonprofit resettlement agency based on the number of refugees
17 each nonprofit resettlement agency sponsors under the nonprofit
18 resettlement agency's cooperative agreement with the United
19 States department of state.

20 3. The department of health and human services shall
21 distribute the appropriated moneys no later than seven calendar
22 days after the effective date of this Act.

23 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate
24 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

25 EXPLANATION

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

28 This bill appropriates \$2.5 million for FY 2024-2025 from
29 the general fund of the state to the department of health and
30 human services (HHS) to distribute to nonprofit resettlement
31 agencies (agency) participating in the reception and placement
32 assistance program under the United States department of state to
33 provide resettlement assistance to refugees in Iowa. HHS shall
34 distribute the moneys proportionally to each agency based on
35 the number of refugees the agency sponsors under the cooperative

1 agreement. The bill takes effect upon enactment, and HHS shall
2 distribute the moneys no later than seven calendar days after
3 enactment.

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