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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to Parkinson's disease prevention, research,
2 and care, making appropriations, and including effective date
3 provisions.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **135.196 Parkinson's disease**
2 **prevention, research, and care fund — state plan.**

3 1. *Fund — grants.*

4 a. A Parkinson's disease prevention, research, and care fund
5 is created in the state treasury under the control of the
6 department. The fund shall consist of moneys appropriated to or
7 deposited in the fund. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys in
8 the fund that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of
9 a fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for
10 expenditure for the purposes designated. Notwithstanding section
11 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or earnings on moneys in the fund
12 shall be credited to the fund.

13 b. Moneys in the fund are appropriated to the department to
14 be used for any of the following purposes:

15 (1) To award grants to public or private entities, including
16 but not limited to institutions of higher education governed by
17 the state board of regents, for any of the following purposes:

18 (a) To create and expedite innovation in research on
19 Parkinson's disease and related disorders to improve the health
20 of residents of this state, enhance the potential for a medical
21 or scientific breakthrough in research on Parkinson's disease
22 and related disorders, and enhance the quality and quantity of
23 research in this state regarding Parkinson's disease and related
24 disorders.

25 (b) To attract, create, or expand research capabilities to
26 promote a substantial increase in research on Parkinson's disease
27 and related disorders, strategies for prevention of Parkinson's
28 disease and related disorders, and the creation of associated
29 jobs in this state.

30 (c) To support caregivers of individuals living with
31 Parkinson's disease, including respite care, training, and mental
32 health resources.

33 (2) To develop, implement, and revise the state plan
34 under subsection 5 to foster synergistic collaboration between
35 institutions of higher education governed by the state board of

1 regents and their partners and other grant recipients in research
2 on Parkinson's disease and related disorders.

3 2. *Advisory council.* The department shall establish a
4 neurodegenerative disease advisory council within the department
5 to advise the department on establishing guidelines for grant
6 applications, grant award selection criteria, and reporting
7 requirements by grant recipients under this section, and to
8 establish and revise the state plan under subsection 5. The
9 council must include members from leading research institutions
10 in this state, members from organizations advocating for
11 individuals with Parkinson's disease, members from caregiver
12 support groups, and members from the medical community who
13 specialize in the diagnosis and treatment of neurological
14 diseases. Notwithstanding section 4A.5, the council shall not
15 dissolve.

16 3. *Reports by recipients.* A recipient of a grant under this
17 section shall annually submit a report to the department in a
18 manner determined by the department. The report must include
19 information detailing, as applicable, the progress of funded
20 research, outcomes and measurable impacts of caregiver support
21 programs, recommendations for improving grants awarded under this
22 section, and any other information required by the department.

23 4. *Report by department.* On or before January 31 of
24 each year, the department shall submit a report to the
25 governor and the general assembly. The department shall also
26 publish the report on the department's internet site. The
27 report must provide, for the previous fiscal year, a list
28 of recipients of grants, the amounts of the grants, the
29 accomplishments and achievements of grant recipients, the fund's
30 financial statements, an assessment of the effectiveness of
31 the department's strategies and plans in awarding grants, an
32 estimate of the cost to this state of caring for individuals
33 with Parkinson's disease and related disorders, a statement of
34 the effectiveness of the department's recordkeeping standards and
35 oversight methods for the use of grants, and any recommendations

1 for proposed legislation.

2 5. *State plan.* The department shall develop and periodically
3 revise a state plan to address neurodegenerative diseases, with
4 Parkinson's disease as the initial and primary focus. The
5 plan shall address related neurodegenerative diseases only to
6 the extent that a related neurodegenerative disease informs
7 Parkinson's disease, prevention, diagnosis, care, and research.
8 The department shall publish the plan on the department's
9 internet site. The plan must include but is not limited
10 to estimates of the prevalence, incidence, and demographic
11 distribution for Parkinson's disease and related disorders; the
12 identification of data gaps; short-term and long-term goals and
13 measurable objectives for prevention, diagnosis, care, research,
14 surveillance, workforce, and support services; a strategy for
15 improving early diagnosis and timely access to specialists;
16 care coordination and caregiver support strategies; a workforce
17 development plan including training for neurologists, primary
18 care clinicians, allied health professionals, and long-term
19 care staff; a public awareness and education plan emphasizing
20 equity and culturally competent outreach; a data and registry
21 integration strategy, including mechanisms for secure data
22 sharing and research access; a research and innovation agenda
23 with prioritized areas for translational and clinical research;
24 recommendations for sustainable financing, including public and
25 private funding streams and potential creation of dedicated
26 research or program funds; evaluation metrics; and a strategy and
27 schedule for revising the plan at least every five years.

28 6. *Cooperation.* For purposes of this section, the department
29 may collaborate and coordinate with private sector entities and
30 with federal, state, and local government entities to enhance
31 the effectiveness of grants awarded under this section, leverage
32 available resources effectively, and avoid duplication. The
33 department may enter into agreements with such entities to
34 facilitate data sharing and collaborative research, provided the
35 data does not contain confidential information. This subsection

1 does not apply to federal, state, and local law enforcement
2 agencies.

3 7. Rules. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to
4 chapter 17A to implement and administer this section.

5 Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated from the
6 general fund of the state to the department of health and human
7 services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending
8 June 30, 2027, the following amount, or so much thereof as is
9 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

10 For deposit in the Parkinson's disease prevention, research,
11 and care fund created in section 135.196, as enacted by this Act:
12 \$ 3,000,000

13 1. Of the moneys appropriated in this section, \$1,000,000
14 shall be allocated to award grants to institutions of higher
15 education governed by the state board of regents, or public or
16 private research institutions or medical centers actively engaged
17 in Parkinson's disease research, with priority given to
18 applications aimed at developing a cure for Parkinson's disease.

19 2. Of the moneys appropriated in this section, \$1,000,000
20 shall be allocated to award grants to support caregivers of
21 individuals living with Parkinson's disease, including respite
22 care, training, and mental health resources.

23 3. Of the moneys appropriated in this section, \$1,000,000
24 shall be allocated to establish the state plan to address
25 neurodegenerative diseases required under section 135.196,
26 subsection 5, as enacted by this Act.

27 Sec. 3. INITIAL STATE PLAN. The department shall publish on
28 the department's internet site the initial state plan required
29 under section 135.196, subsection 5, as enacted by this Act, on
30 or before October 1, 2027. The department shall make a draft
31 plan available for public comment at least thirty calendar days
32 before publication.

33 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect October 1,
34 2026.

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EXPLANATION

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

3 This bill creates a Parkinson's disease prevention, research,
4 and care (PDPRC) fund under the control of the department of
5 health and human services (HHS). Moneys in the PDPRC fund are
6 appropriated to HHS to be used to (1) award grants to public or
7 private entities for purposes specified in the bill, including
8 to support research on Parkinson's disease and related disorders
9 and to support caregivers of individuals living with Parkinson's
10 disease, and (2) develop, implement, and revise a state plan to
11 address neurodegenerative diseases (state plan), with an initial
12 and primary focus on Parkinson's disease.

13 The bill requires HHS to establish a neurodegenerative disease
14 advisory council within HHS to advise HHS on matters relating to
15 grants and the state plan.

16 The bill requires grant recipients to report annually to HHS,
17 and requires HHS to report annually to the governor and general
18 assembly.

19 The state plan must be published on HHS's internet site and
20 must include elements set forth in the bill. The bill requires
21 HHS to publish the initial state plan on or before October 1,
22 2027, with a draft plan available for public comment at least 30
23 days before publication.

24 The bill authorizes HHS to collaborate and coordinate with
25 public and private entities, other than federal, state, and local
26 law enforcement agencies, to enhance the effectiveness of grants
27 awarded under the bill, leverage available resources effectively,
28 and avoid duplication. HHS may enter into agreements with such
29 entities to facilitate data sharing and collaborative research,
30 provided the data does not contain confidential information.

31 For FY 2026-2027, the bill appropriates \$3 million from the
32 general fund of the state to the PDPRC fund.

33 The bill takes effect October 1, 2026.