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SENATE FILE 234
BY COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC
GROWTH

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 110)

(As Amended and Passed by the Senate February 24, 2015)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing an Iowa employment rides initiative and
2 related fund in the state department of transportation.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 324A.8 Iowa employment rides
2 initiative — grant program — fund.

3 1. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise
4 requires "*employment transportation*" means an urban or
5 rural program or service that provides an individual with
6 transportation solely to or from a workplace, including but not
7 limited to the following programs and services:

8 a. Expanding or sustaining existing transportation services
9 or service hours.

10 b. Coordinating ride share services, including car pool or
11 van pool services.

12 c. Shuttle services.

13 2. The Iowa employment rides initiative is established in
14 the department to provide funds to public transit systems for
15 programs and services that provide employment transportation
16 to Iowans.

17 3. The department shall award funds from the initiative
18 on a competitive grant basis. A grant shall not exceed one
19 hundred fifty thousand dollars. A grant application shall
20 contain a commitment from the public transit system of at least
21 a dollar-for-dollar match of the grant funds awarded. Moneys
22 charged to individuals receiving employment transportation
23 services cannot be used as matching funds. Grant funds shall
24 be used only for operational costs directly associated with
25 providing employment transportation and shall not be used for
26 capital expenditures or construction.

27 4. A public transit system may coordinate with other local,
28 state, or federal governmental agencies and private nonprofit
29 organizations in the administration of a program or service
30 receiving a grant under the initiative and in expenditure of
31 grant funds.

32 5. The department shall, by January 1 each year, submit
33 a report to the general assembly on the outcomes of the
34 initiative, including the grant amount, the type of program or
35 service receiving funds, and the number of individuals served

1 for each grant awarded by the initiative. As a condition of
2 having received a grant from the initiative, a public transit
3 system shall provide the department with information on any
4 program or service for which the public transit system is
5 awarded a grant from the initiative.

6 6. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A
7 to administer the initiative, including but not limited to an
8 application process and grant award criteria.

9 7. *a.* An Iowa employment rides fund is created in the state
10 treasury under the control of the department. The fund shall
11 consist of moneys appropriated to the department and any other
12 moneys available to, obtained, or accepted by the department
13 for placement in the fund.

14 *b.* Moneys in the fund shall be used to provide grants
15 under the Iowa employment rides initiative established in this
16 section.

17 *c.* Moneys in the fund are not subject to section 8.33.
18 Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or
19 earnings on moneys in the fund shall be credited to the fund.