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BY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2384)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the future ready Iowa Act and other efforts
2 to strengthen Iowa's workforce, including a child care
3 challenge program for working Iowans, educational standards,
4 work-based learning coordinators, and the senior year plus
5 program, and including applicability provisions.
6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

DIVISION I

FUTURE READY IOWA APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAMS

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2 Section 1. Section 15B.4, subsection 5, Code 2020, is
3 amended to read as follows:

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5 5. An apprenticeship sponsor receiving financial assistance
6 under this chapter is ineligible for financial assistance under
7 ~~section 15C.1~~ chapter 15C during the same fiscal year.

8 Sec. 2. Section 15C.1, subsection 3, paragraph b, Code 2020,
9 is amended to read as follows:

10 *b.* An apprenticeship sponsor receiving financial assistance
11 under chapter 15B or section 15C.2 is ineligible for financial
12 assistance under this section during the same fiscal year.

13 Sec. 3. **NEW SECTION. 15C.2 Future ready Iowa expanded**
14 **registered apprenticeship opportunities program.**

15 1. *Definitions.* For purposes of this section, unless the
16 context otherwise requires:

17 *a.* "*Applicant*" means an apprenticeship sponsor located in
18 Iowa that has established an apprenticeship program involving
19 an eligible apprenticeable occupation that is located in Iowa
20 and approved by the United States department of labor, office
21 of apprenticeship.

22 *b.* "*Apprentice*" means the same as defined in section 15C.1.

23 *c.* "*Apprenticeable occupation*" means the same as defined in
24 section 15C.1.

25 *d.* "*Apprenticeship program*" means the same as defined in
26 section 15C.1.

27 *e.* "*Authority*" means the economic development authority
28 created in section 15.105.

29 *f.* "*Eligible apprenticeable occupation*" means the same as
30 defined in section 15C.1.

31 *g.* "*Eligible apprenticeship sponsor*" means an entity
32 operating an apprenticeship program or an entity in whose
33 name an apprenticeship program is being operated, which is
34 registered with or approved by the United States department of
35 labor, office of apprenticeship and which program has twenty

1 or fewer apprentices, at least one of whom is in an eligible
2 apprenticeable occupation.

3 *h. "Financial assistance"* means assistance provided only
4 from the funds, rights, and assets legally available to the
5 authority and includes but is not limited to assistance in
6 the form of a reimbursement grant of one thousand dollars per
7 apprentice in an eligible apprenticeable occupation.

8 2. *Program created.* Subject to an appropriation of funds
9 by the general assembly for this purpose, a future ready Iowa
10 expanded registered apprenticeship opportunities program is
11 created which shall be administered by the authority. The
12 purpose of the program is to provide financial assistance to
13 encourage apprenticeship sponsors of apprenticeship programs
14 with twenty or fewer apprentices to maintain apprenticeship
15 programs in high-demand occupations.

16 3. *Application requirements — restriction.* An eligible
17 apprenticeship sponsor may apply to the authority, on
18 forms provided by the authority and in accordance with the
19 authority's instructions, to receive financial assistance under
20 the program. The authority shall provide upon request and on
21 the authority's internet site information about the program,
22 the application, application instructions, and the application
23 period established each year for funding available under the
24 program.

25 *a.* An apprenticeship sponsor is eligible to apply for
26 financial assistance for apprentices in eligible apprenticeable
27 occupations if all of the following conditions are met:

28 (1) Twenty or fewer apprentices are registered in the
29 apprenticeship program as of December 31 of the calendar
30 year prior to the date the authority receives the eligible
31 apprenticeship sponsor's application.

32 (2) More than seventy percent of the applicant's
33 apprentices are residents of Iowa, and the remainder of the
34 applicant's apprentices are residents of states contiguous
35 to Iowa. In determining the number of apprentices in an

1 applicant's apprenticeship program, the authority may calculate
2 the average number of apprentices in the program within the
3 most recent two-year period.

4 *b.* An apprenticeship sponsor receiving financial assistance
5 under chapter 15B or section 15C.1 is ineligible to receive
6 financial assistance under this section during the same fiscal
7 year. An apprenticeship sponsor who trains through a lead
8 apprenticeship sponsor that qualifies for financial assistance
9 under chapter 15B is ineligible to receive financial assistance
10 under this section.

11 4. *Rules.* The authority shall adopt rules pursuant to
12 chapter 17A establishing a staff review and application
13 approval process, application scoring criteria, the minimum
14 score necessary for approval of financial assistance,
15 procedures for notification of an award of financial
16 assistance, the terms of agreement between the apprenticeship
17 sponsor and the authority, and any other rules deemed necessary
18 for the implementation and administration of this section.

19 5. *Agreement.* Prior to distributing financial assistance
20 under this section, the authority shall enter into an agreement
21 with the eligible apprenticeship sponsor awarded financial
22 assistance in accordance with this section, and the financial
23 assistance recipient shall confirm the number of apprentices
24 in eligible apprenticeable occupations as identified in the
25 approved application, and shall meet all terms established by
26 the authority for receipt of financial assistance under this
27 section.

28 6. *Financial assistance limitation.* Financial assistance in
29 the form of a reimburseable grant awarded to any one eligible
30 apprenticeship sponsor in any given fiscal year shall not
31 exceed twenty thousand dollars.

32 7. *Use of moneys appropriated — administration.*

33 *a.* The annual administrative expenditures as a percent of
34 the moneys appropriated for a fiscal year for purposes of this
35 section shall not exceed two percent.

1 *b.* Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated to
2 the authority by the general assembly for purposes of this
3 section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the end of
4 the fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund but shall
5 remain available for expenditure for the purposes designated in
6 subsequent fiscal years.

7 Sec. 4. Section 84A.1B, subsection 14, unnumbered paragraph
8 1, Code 2020, is amended to read as follows:

9 Create, and update as necessary, a list of high-demand jobs
10 statewide for purposes of the future ready Iowa registered
11 apprenticeship ~~development program programs~~ created in
12 ~~section 15C.1~~ chapter 15C, the summer youth intern pilot
13 program established under section 84A.12, the Iowa employer
14 innovation program established under section 84A.13, the
15 future ready Iowa skilled workforce last-dollar scholarship
16 program established under section 261.131, the future ready
17 Iowa skilled workforce grant program established under section
18 261.132, and postsecondary summer classes for high school
19 students as provided under section 261E.8, subsection 8. In
20 addition to the list created by the workforce development
21 board under this subsection, each community college, in
22 consultation with regional career and technical education
23 planning partnerships, and with the approval of the board of
24 directors of the community college, may identify and maintain
25 a list of not more than five regional high-demand jobs in the
26 community college region, and shall share the lists with the
27 workforce development board. The lists submitted by community
28 colleges under the subsection may be used in that community
29 college region for purposes of programs identified under this
30 subsection. The workforce development board shall have full
31 discretion to select and prioritize statewide high-demand jobs
32 after consulting with business and education stakeholders,
33 as appropriate, and seeking public comment. The workforce
34 development board may add to the list of high-demand jobs as it
35 deems necessary. For purposes of this subsection, "high-demand

1 *job* means a job in the state that the board, or a community
2 college in accordance with [this subsection](#), has identified in
3 accordance with [this subsection](#). In creating a list under this
4 subsection, the following criteria, at a minimum, shall apply:

5 DIVISION II

6 IOWA CHILD CARE CHALLENGE FUND

7 Sec. 5. Section 84A.13, subsection 4, Code 2020, is amended
8 to read as follows:

9 4. An Iowa employer innovation fund is created in the
10 state treasury as a separate fund under the control of the
11 department of workforce development, in consultation with the
12 workforce development board. The fund shall consist of any
13 moneys appropriated by the general assembly and any other
14 moneys available to and obtained or accepted by the department
15 from the federal government. A portion of the moneys deposited
16 in the fund, in an amount to be determined annually by the
17 department of workforce development in consultation with the
18 workforce development board, shall be transferred annually to
19 the Iowa child care challenge fund. The assets of the Iowa
20 employer innovation fund shall be used by the department ~~only~~
21 ~~for purposes of~~ in accordance with [this section](#). All moneys
22 deposited or paid into the fund are appropriated and made
23 available to the board to be used ~~for purposes of~~ in accordance
24 with [this section](#). Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), any balance
25 in the fund on June 30 of each fiscal year shall not revert
26 to the general fund of the state, but shall be available for
27 purposes of [this section](#) and for transfer in accordance with
28 this section in subsequent fiscal years.

29 Sec. 6. NEW SECTION. 84A.13A Iowa child care challenge
30 program — fund.

31 1. For purposes of this section, *consortium* means a
32 consortium of two or more employers or businesses, at least one
33 of which must be a private employer.

34 2. The Iowa child care challenge program is established
35 in the department of workforce development. The department

1 shall administer the program in consultation with the
2 workforce development board. The purpose of the Iowa child
3 care challenge program is to encourage and enable businesses,
4 nonprofit organizations, and consortiums to establish local
5 child care facilities and increase the availability of quality,
6 affordable child care for working Iowans.

7 3. The department of workforce development shall adopt
8 rules under chapter 17A establishing a program application
9 and award process to match business, nonprofit organization,
10 or consortium moneys and the criteria for the allocation of
11 moneys in the fund established pursuant to subsection 4.
12 A business, nonprofit organization, or consortium seeking
13 matching moneys shall submit an application and a proposal for
14 the new construction of a child care facility, rehabilitation
15 of an existing structure as a child care facility, or the
16 retrofitting and repurposing of an existing structure for
17 use as a child care facility to the department. Proposals
18 shall include a financial statement and a description of
19 funds to be provided by the business, nonprofit organization,
20 or consortium, including in-kind donations, and a plan for
21 sustainability. Match amount awards made by the department
22 that are unclaimed or unused as of June 1 of the fiscal year
23 shall be canceled by the department.

24 4. An Iowa child care challenge fund is created in the state
25 treasury as a separate fund under the control of the department
26 of workforce development, in consultation with the workforce
27 development board. The fund shall consist of appropriations
28 made to the fund, any other moneys available to and obtained
29 or accepted by the department from the federal government or
30 private sources for placement in the fund, and transfers of
31 interest, earnings, and moneys from other funds as provided by
32 law. The assets of the fund shall be used by the department
33 only for purposes of this section. All moneys deposited,
34 transferred to, or paid into the fund are appropriated and
35 made available to the department to be used for purposes of

1 this section. Any unclaimed moneys in the fund by June 1
2 annually shall be transferred to the Iowa employer innovation
3 fund, created pursuant to section 84A.13, to be used only for
4 purposes of the Iowa employer innovation program established
5 pursuant to section 84A.13. Notwithstanding section 8.33,
6 moneys deposited after May 1 annually in the Iowa child care
7 challenge fund that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
8 close of a fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund
9 of the state but shall be transferred to the Iowa employer
10 innovation fund created pursuant to section 84A.13 to be
11 used for purposes of the Iowa employer innovation program
12 established pursuant to section 84A.13.

13 DIVISION III

14 COMPUTER SCIENCE INSTRUCTION — EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS

15 Sec. 7. Section 256.7, subsection 26, paragraph a,
16 subparagraph (4), Code 2020, is amended to read as follows:

17 (4) The rules shall provide for the establishment of
18 high-quality standards for computer science education taught
19 by elementary, middle, and high schools, in accordance with
20 the goal established under [section 284.6A, subsection 1](#),
21 setting a foundation for personal and professional success in
22 a high-technology, knowledge-based Iowa economy. ~~Such rules~~
23 ~~shall be applicable only to school districts and accredited~~
24 ~~nonpublic schools receiving moneys from the computer science~~
25 ~~professional development incentive fund under [section 284.6A](#),~~
26 ~~or from other funds administered by the department for the same~~
27 ~~purposes as specified in [section 284.6A, subsection 2](#).~~

28 Sec. 8. Section 256.9, Code 2020, is amended by adding the
29 following new subsection:

30 NEW SUBSECTION. 60. Develop and implement a statewide
31 kindergarten through grade twelve computer science instruction
32 plan by July 1, 2022.

33 Sec. 9. Section 256.11, subsections 3 and 4, Code 2020, are
34 amended to read as follows:

35 3. The following areas shall be taught in grades one through

1 six: English-language arts, social studies, mathematics,
2 science, health, age-appropriate and research-based human
3 growth and development, physical education, traffic safety,
4 music, and visual art. Computer science instruction
5 incorporating the standards established under section 256.7,
6 subsection 26, paragraph "a", subparagraph (4), shall be
7 offered in at least one grade level commencing with the school
8 year beginning July 1, 2022. The health curriculum shall
9 include the characteristics of communicable diseases including
10 acquired immune deficiency syndrome. The state board as part
11 of accreditation standards shall adopt curriculum definitions
12 for implementing the elementary program.

13 4. The following shall be taught in grades seven and
14 eight: English-language arts; social studies; mathematics;
15 science; health; age-appropriate and research-based human
16 growth and development; career exploration and development;
17 physical education; music; and visual art. Computer science
18 instruction incorporating the standards established under
19 section 256.7, subsection 26, paragraph "a", subparagraph (4),
20 shall be offered in at least one grade level commencing with
21 the school year beginning July 1, 2022. Career exploration
22 and development shall be designed so that students are
23 appropriately prepared to create an individual career
24 and academic plan pursuant to [section 279.61](#), incorporate
25 foundational career and technical education concepts aligned
26 with the six career and technical education service areas
27 as defined in [subsection 5](#), paragraph "h", and incorporate
28 relevant twenty-first century skills. The health curriculum
29 shall include age-appropriate and research-based information
30 regarding the characteristics of sexually transmitted diseases,
31 including HPV and the availability of a vaccine to prevent
32 HPV, and acquired immune deficiency syndrome. The state board
33 as part of accreditation standards shall adopt curriculum
34 definitions for implementing the program in grades seven
35 and eight. However, [this subsection](#) shall not apply to the

1 teaching of career exploration and development in nonpublic
2 schools. For purposes of [this section](#), "age-appropriate",
3 "HPV", and "research-based" mean the same as defined in section
4 279.50.

5 Sec. 10. Section 256.11, subsection 5, Code 2020, is amended
6 by adding the following new paragraph:

7 NEW PARAGRAPH. 1. One-half unit of computer science
8 commencing with the school year beginning July 1, 2022. The
9 one-half unit of computer science shall incorporate the
10 standards established pursuant to section 256.7, subsection
11 26, paragraph "a", subparagraph (4), and may be offered online
12 in accordance with rules adopted pursuant to section 256.7,
13 subsection 32, paragraph "a".

14 Sec. 11. Section 280.3, subsection 3, Code 2020, is amended
15 by striking the subsection and inserting in lieu thereof the
16 following:

17 3. The board of directors of each public school district
18 and the authorities in charge of each nonpublic school shall
19 develop and implement a kindergarten through grade twelve
20 computer science plan July 1, 2022, which incorporates the
21 standards established under section 256.7, subsection 26,
22 paragraph "a", subparagraph (4), and the minimum educational
23 standards relating to computer science contained in section
24 256.11.

25 Sec. 12. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION — COMPUTER SCIENCE WORK
26 GROUP.

27 1. The department of education shall convene a computer
28 science work group to develop recommendations to strengthen
29 computer science instruction and for the development and
30 implementation of a statewide campaign to promote computer
31 science to kindergarten through grade twelve students and to
32 the parents and legal guardians of such students.

33 2. The work group shall submit its findings to the general
34 assembly by July 1, 2021.

35 Sec. 13. STATE MANDATE FUNDING SPECIFIED. In accordance

1 with section 25B.2, subsection 3, the state cost of requiring
2 compliance with any state mandate included in this division
3 of this Act shall be paid by a school district from state
4 school foundation aid received by the school district under
5 section 257.16. This specification of the payment of the state
6 cost shall be deemed to meet all of the state funding-related
7 requirements of section 25B.2, subsection 3, and no additional
8 state funding shall be necessary for the full implementation of
9 this division of this Act by and enforcement of this division
10 of this Act against all affected school districts.

11 DIVISION IV

12 SUPPLEMENTARY WEIGHTING — SHARED OPERATIONAL FUNCTIONS

13 Sec. 14. Section 257.11, subsection 5, paragraph a,
14 subparagraph (1), Code 2020, is amended to read as follows:

15 (1) In order to provide additional funding to increase
16 student opportunities and redirect more resources to
17 student programming for school districts that share
18 operational functions, a district that shares with a
19 political subdivision one or more operational functions of
20 a curriculum director, master social worker, independent
21 social worker, a work-based learning coordinator, or school
22 counselor, or one or more operational functions in the areas
23 of superintendent management, business management, human
24 resources, transportation, or operation and maintenance for at
25 least twenty percent of the school year shall be assigned a
26 supplementary weighting for each shared operational function.
27 A school district that shares an operational function in
28 the area of superintendent management shall be assigned a
29 supplementary weighting of eight pupils for the function. A
30 school district that shares an operational function in the area
31 of business management, human resources, transportation, or
32 operation and maintenance shall be assigned a supplementary
33 weighting of five pupils for the function. A school district
34 that shares the operational functions of a curriculum director,
35 a master social worker or an independent social worker licensed

1 under chapters 147 and 154C, a work-based learning coordinator,
 2 or a school counselor shall be assigned a supplementary
 3 weighting of three pupils for the function. The additional
 4 weighting shall be assigned for each discrete operational
 5 function shared. However, a school district may receive the
 6 additional weighting under this subsection for sharing the
 7 services of an individual with a political subdivision even if
 8 the type of operational function performed by the individual
 9 for the school district and the type of operational function
 10 performed by the individual for the political subdivision are
 11 not the same operational function, so long as both operational
 12 functions are eligible for weighting under this subsection. In
 13 such case, the school district shall be assigned the additional
 14 weighting for the type of operational function that the
 15 individual performs for the school district, and the school
 16 district shall not receive additional weighting for any other
 17 function performed by the individual. The operational function
 18 sharing arrangement does not need to be a newly implemented
 19 sharing arrangement to receive supplementary weighting under
 20 this subsection.

21 Sec. 15. Section 257.11, subsection 5, paragraph a,
 22 subparagraph (2), Code 2020, is amended to read as follows:

23 (2) For the purposes of this section, ~~“political~~ paragraph
 24 “a”:

25 (a) “Political subdivision” means a city, township, county,
 26 school corporation, merged area, area education agency,
 27 institution governed by the state board of regents, or any
 28 other governmental subdivision.

29 (b) “Work-based learning coordinator” means an appropriately
 30 trained individual responsible for facilitating authentic,
 31 engaging work-based learning experiences for learners and
 32 educators in partnership with employers and others to enhance
 33 learning by connecting the content and skills that are
 34 necessary for future careers.

35 Sec. 16. APPLICABILITY. This division of this Act applies

1 to school budget years beginning on or after July 1, 2020,
2 subject to the school budget year limitations of section
3 257.11, subsection 5.

4 DIVISION V

5 FUTURE READY IOWA SKILLED WORKFORCE LAST-DOLLAR SCHOLARSHIP
6 PROGRAM

7 Sec. 17. Section 256.7, Code 2020, is amended by adding the
8 following new subsection:

9 NEW SUBSECTION. 34. Adopt rules under chapter 17A
10 establishing a process by which the department shall approve
11 state-recognized work-based learning programs consisting of
12 structured educational and training programs that include
13 authentic worksite training, such as registered apprenticeship
14 programs, for purposes of eligible institutions under section
15 261.131.

16 Sec. 18. Section 261.131, subsection 1, Code 2020, is
17 amended by adding the following new paragraphs:

18 NEW PARAGRAPH. 0a. "*Adult learner*" means a person who,
19 following receipt of a high school diploma or high school
20 equivalency diploma and on or after attaining the age of
21 twenty, enrolls on a full-time or part-time basis in an
22 eligible program at an eligible institution and maintains
23 continuous enrollment on a full-time or part-time basis in
24 subsequent terms to receive additional awards. A person's age
25 for purposes of this paragraph shall be calculated on July 1
26 prior to the year of enrollment in an eligible institution.

27 NEW PARAGRAPH. 00a. "*Approved state-recognized work-based*
28 *learning program*" means a structured educational and training
29 program that includes authentic worksite training and is
30 approved by the department of education according to a process
31 established under rules adopted pursuant to section 256.7,
32 subsection 34.

33 Sec. 19. Section 261.131, subsection 1, paragraph e,
34 subparagraph (1), Code 2020, is amended to read as follows:

35 (1) ~~Is either a new~~ any of the following:

1 ~~student.~~

2 Sec. 22. Section 261E.7, subsection 2, Code 2020, is amended
3 by striking the subsection.

4 Sec. 23. Section 261E.8, subsection 1, Code 2020, is amended
5 to read as follows:

6 1. A district-to-community college sharing or concurrent
7 enrollment program is established to be administered by the
8 department to promote rigorous academic or career and technical
9 pursuits and to provide a wider variety of options to high
10 school students to enroll ~~part-time~~ in eligible nonsectarian
11 courses at or through community colleges established under
12 chapter 260C. The program shall be made available to all
13 resident students in grades nine through twelve. Notice of
14 the availability of the program shall be included in a school
15 district's student registration handbook and the handbook shall
16 identify which courses, if successfully completed, generate
17 college credit under the program. A student and the student's
18 parent or legal guardian shall also be made aware of this
19 program as a part of the development of the student's career
20 and academic plan in accordance with [section 279.61](#).