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To: Chairs and Ranking Members – Joint Education Appropriations Subcommittee

From: Jeff Berger, Legislative Liaison

Subject: Annual reporting requirement – HF 2527, Section 9 – Statewide Teacher Intern Program – Federal Grant Application Coordination

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Per Section 9 of HF 2527, the Department of Education submits this progress report:

Section 9 Requirement

The department shall work cooperatively with the State Board of Regents and other appropriate eligible grantees to obtain any available federal funding, including grants that may be available for the establishment and operation of a teacher intern program. The department shall submit a progress report to the chairpersons and ranking members of the joint appropriations subcommittee by January 1, 2007.

Iowa Department of Education Report

Currently there are no federal grants available to support the establishment and operation of a teacher intern program. Therefore, no applications for federal funds have been made. Iowa does now have, however, an established mechanism for the approval of programs to develop Teacher Interns. One approved program through Kaplan University currently exists in Iowa. Seven (7) teacher interns are currently in practice in Iowa school districts.

Note: This provision has been included in each Education Appropriations bill over the last several years and was included to promote the development of a Teacher Intern mechanism within the scope of teacher preparation opportunities. Now that Iowa has a mechanism in law to develop Teacher Interns, with one program currently providing that opportunity, there appears to be a need for this provision no longer. We would encourage you to consider dropping this language from future education appropriations bills.

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