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A BILL FOR

1 An Act creating a junior entrepreneur training assistance program
2 and providing a tax deduction.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 15.313, subsection 2, Code 2005, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. h. To provide matching grants under the
4 junior entrepreneur training assistance program as provided in
5 section 15E.323.

6 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 15E.321 SHORT TITLE.

7 This division shall be known and may be cited as the
8 "Junior Entrepreneur Training Act".

9 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 15E.322 JUNIOR ENTREPRENEUR
10 TRAINING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

11 1. The department of economic development shall establish
12 a junior entrepreneur training assistance program to encourage
13 and assist private businesses and organizations to establish
14 junior entrepreneur training programs that would operate in
15 conjunction or cooperation with a local school district.

16 2. a. A junior entrepreneur training program established
17 by a private business or organization shall be designed to do
18 all of the following:

19 (1) Encourage interest in starting or operating a
20 business.

21 (2) Educate participants regarding the potential
22 advantages and rewards of self-employment.

23 (3) Engage business professionals and successful
24 entrepreneurs in introducing participants to the basics of
25 business ownership and management.

26 (4) Assist past participants in the program who start or
27 purchase a business in developing mentoring relationships with
28 successful local businesspersons.

29 b. The department shall give funding and assistance
30 priority to a junior entrepreneur training program that
31 concentrates its efforts on attracting participants who lack
32 significant exposure to entrepreneurship role models
33 including, but not limited to, persons from economically
34 disadvantaged backgrounds or populations traditionally
35 underrepresented in the local business community.

1 3. For purposes of an eligible taxpayer claiming an income
2 tax deduction pursuant to sections 422.7 and 422.35, the
3 department shall, upon application by the junior entrepreneur
4 training program, certify any junior entrepreneur training
5 program that meets the criteria in subsection 2, paragraph
6 "b".

7 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 15E.323 FUNDING.

8 The department may provide a matching grant to a private
9 business or organization that establishes a junior
10 entrepreneur training program. A matching grant shall provide
11 one dollar for every two dollars in private matching moneys.

12 Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. 15E.324 RULES.

13 The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A
14 necessary for the administration of this division.

15 Sec. 6. Section 422.7, Code 2005, is amended by adding the
16 following new subsection:

17 NEW SUBSECTION. 44. Subtract the amount of any
18 contribution made for the establishment or operation of a
19 junior entrepreneur training program certified by the
20 department of economic development pursuant to section
21 15E.322.

22 Sec. 7. Section 422.35, Code 2005, is amended by adding
23 the following new subsection:

24 NEW SUBSECTION. 20. Subtract the amount of any
25 contribution made for the establishment or operation of a
26 junior entrepreneur training program certified by the
27 department of economic development pursuant to section
28 15E.322.

29 EXPLANATION

30 This bill creates a junior entrepreneur training assistance
31 program.

32 The bill provides that the department of economic
33 development shall establish a junior entrepreneur training
34 assistance program to encourage and assist private businesses
35 and organizations to establish junior entrepreneur training

1 programs that would operate in conjunction or cooperation with
2 a local school district. The bill provides that a junior
3 entrepreneur training program established by a private
4 business or organization shall be designed to encourage
5 interest in starting or operating a business, educate
6 participants regarding the potential advantages and rewards of
7 self-employment, engage business professionals and successful
8 entrepreneurs in introducing participants to the basics of
9 business ownership and management, and assist past
10 participants in the program who start or purchase a business
11 in developing mentoring relationships with successful local
12 businesspersons. The bill provides that the department shall
13 give funding and assistance priority to a junior entrepreneur
14 training program that concentrates its efforts on attracting
15 participants who lack significant exposure to entrepreneurship
16 role models including, but not limited to, persons from
17 economically disadvantaged backgrounds or populations
18 traditionally underrepresented in the local business
19 community.

20 The bill provides that the department may provide a
21 matching grant to a private business or organization that
22 establishes a junior entrepreneur training program. The bill
23 provides that the moneys for the matching grants shall be
24 provided from the strategic investment fund.

25 The bill provides for an individual or corporate tax
26 deduction for any contribution made for the establishment or
27 operation of a junior entrepreneur training program certified
28 by the department. The bill provides that the department
29 shall, upon application by the junior entrepreneur training
30 program, certify programs that concentrate efforts on
31 attracting participants who lack significant exposure to
32 entrepreneurship role models including, but not limited to,
33 persons from economically disadvantaged backgrounds or
34 populations traditionally underrepresented in the local
35 business community.