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EDUCATION

HOUSE FILE 2266
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to and making an appropriation to the department
2 of education for the establishment and implementation of an
3 area education agency infrastructure grant program
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. AREA EDUCATION AGENCY INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT
2 PROGRAM. There is appropriated from the rebuild Iowa
3 infrastructure fund to the department of education for the
4 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007,
5 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to
6 be used for the purpose designated:

7 For the establishment and implementation of an area
8 education agency infrastructure grant program which provides
9 up to \$200,000 to area education agencies for infrastructure
10 purposes, notwithstanding section 8.57, subsection 6,
11 paragraph "c":

12 \$ 1,000,000

13 For purposes of the grant program, "infrastructure
14 purposes" includes land acquisition and construction, major
15 renovation and major repair of buildings, all appurtenant
16 structures, utilities, site development, recreational trails,
17 and routine, recurring maintenance or operational expenses or
18 leasing of a building, appurtenant structure, or utility
19 without a lease-purchase agreement.

20 Area education agencies that have reorganized or are
21 planning to reorganize shall receive top priority in receiving
22 grants.

23 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in this
24 section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close
25 of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available
26 for expenditure for purposes of the grant program until the
27 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

28 EXPLANATION

29 This bill appropriates \$1 million from the rebuild Iowa
30 infrastructure fund to the department of education for the
31 establishment and implementation of an area education agency
32 infrastructure grant program which provides up to \$200,000 to
33 area education agencies for infrastructure purposes. For
34 purposes of the grant program, "infrastructure purposes"
35 includes land acquisition and construction, major renovation

1 and major repair of buildings, all appurtenant structures,
2 utilities, site development, recreational trails, and routine,
3 recurring maintenance or operational expenses or leasing of a
4 building, appurtenant structure, or utility without a lease-
5 purchase agreement. The bill exempts the appropriation from
6 the definition of vertical infrastructure in Code section
7 8.57, subsection 6, paragraph "c".

8 The bill provides that area education agencies that have
9 reorganized or are planning to reorganize shall receive top
10 priority in receiving grants. Any unencumbered or unobligated
11 moneys remaining at the end of the fiscal year do not revert
12 but remain available for expenditure during the following
13 fiscal year for purposes of the grant program.

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