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HUMAN RESOURCES

HOUSE FILE 2472
BY CARROLL

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the establishment of a family success
2 counseling grant program, and providing an appropriation.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 249J.14A FAMILY SUCCESS
2 COUNSELING GRANT PROGRAM.

3 1. A family success counseling grant program is
4 established to provide pregnant women and their families, and
5 parents and their children with the life skills necessary to
6 build and attain functional, productive, and successful
7 families. The program shall be available to pregnant women,
8 parents, and their families, participating in the federal
9 special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and
10 children, as authorized in the federal Child Nutrition Act of
11 1966, section 17, as amended and codified at 42 U.S.C. § 1786,
12 at the location of the expansion population provider network
13 that is a publicly owned acute care teaching hospital located
14 in a county with a population over three hundred fifty
15 thousand.

16 2. The department shall procure a sole source contract
17 with a nonprofit corporation that provides family counseling
18 to implement this section. The program approved for the grant
19 shall meet all of the following criteria:

20 a. The program curriculum shall focus on instilling in
21 participants the core values of diligence, discipline, and
22 respect, principles of family leadership, and guidelines for
23 strong families.

24 b. The program design shall include:

25 (1) An initial twelve-week to sixteen-week series of
26 participation in group sessions utilizing lectures,
27 discussions, breakout groups, and role playing as techniques
28 in teaching the core values.

29 (2) A six-month series of participation in private weekly
30 counseling sessions with the final outcome of the sessions
31 being the preparation of a customized family blueprint. The
32 customized blueprint shall assist the family in establishing a
33 well-defined family unit in which each member has a role to
34 play in its structure.

35 (3) Evaluation, follow-up, and modification of the

1 customized family blueprint.

2 Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated from the
3 account for health care transformation created in section
4 249J.23 to the department of human services for the fiscal
5 year beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007, the
6 following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
7 used for the purpose designated:

8 For a family success counseling grant program as described
9 in section 249J.14A, as enacted in this Act:

10 \$ 250,000

11 EXPLANATION

12 This bill creates a family success counseling grant program
13 to provide pregnant women and their families, and parents and
14 their children, with the life skills necessary to build and
15 attain functional, productive, and successful families. The
16 program would be available to pregnant women, parents, and
17 their families participating in the federal special
18 supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and
19 children (WIC program) at the location of the expansion
20 population provider network under IowaCare that is a publicly
21 owned acute care teaching hospital located in a county with a
22 population over 350,000. The bill directs the department of
23 human services to procure a sole source contract with a
24 nonprofit corporation that provides family counseling to
25 implement the program. The bill provides criteria to be met
26 by the approved program and provides an appropriation of
27 \$250,000 from the account for health care transformation for
28 FY 2006-2007 to the department of human services for the grant
29 program.

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