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APPROPRIATIONS

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act making an appropriation to the department of education for  
2 purposes of advanced placement and honors programs and  
3 providing for related matters.

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

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1 Section 1. ADVANCED PLACEMENT GRANTS. There is  
2 appropriated from the general fund of the state to the  
3 department of education for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
4 2001, and ending June 30, 2002, the following amount, or so  
5 much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes  
6 designated:

7 For advanced placement planning grants to school districts  
8 or consortiums of school districts, and to expand access to  
9 advanced placement and other honors programs, provide stipends  
10 for teacher training in advanced placement instruction, and  
11 match federal funds to maximize the accessibility to advanced  
12 placement or other honors programs:

13 ..... \$ 10,000,000

14 For purposes of this section, "advanced placement program"  
15 or "honors program" means a program that provides college-  
16 level curriculum to a school district, allowing the district  
17 to offer advanced courses or courses that result in the  
18 earning of college credits to students enrolled in the school  
19 district.

20 The department of education, in collaboration with the area  
21 education agencies, shall assist schools in identifying ways  
22 to expand access to advanced placement or other honors  
23 programs. The department and the area education agencies  
24 shall encourage the development of consortiums to share  
25 programs or to maximize use of the Iowa communications network  
26 to increase access to advanced placement or other honors  
27 programs.

28 EXPLANATION

29 This bill appropriates \$10 million to the department of  
30 education for FY 2001-2002 from the general fund of the state  
31 to provide for advanced placement planning grants to school  
32 districts or consortiums of school districts, and to expand  
33 access to advanced placement and other honors programs,  
34 provide stipends for teacher training in advanced placement  
35 instruction, and match federal funds to maximize the

1 accessibility to advanced placement or other honors programs.

2 The bill also directs the department to collaborate with  
3 the area education agencies in assisting schools to identify  
4 ways to expand access to the programs and, along with the  
5 AEAs, to encourage the development of consortiums to share  
6 programs or to maximize the use of the Iowa communications  
7 network to increase access to the programs.

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