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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to advanced placement award programs and
2 providing for the appropriation of moneys.

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

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EDUCATION

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 256.24 ADVANCED PLACEMENT
2 INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM.

3 1. The department of education shall develop and
4 administer an advanced placement incentive grant program to
5 provide for the allocation of grant moneys to public and
6 accredited nonpublic high schools. The board of directors of
7 the school district and the authorities in charge of an
8 accredited nonpublic school may apply to the department on
9 behalf of a high school, on forms provided by the department,
10 to receive a grant under this program. The department shall
11 award grants to high schools by July 15 of each year in the
12 following manner:

13 a. A public high school is eligible for a grant of not
14 more than three thousand dollars if the proportion of students
15 enrolled in the high school who achieve advanced placement
16 scholar status is equal to or greater than the national
17 proportion of students enrolled in high schools who achieve
18 advanced placement scholar status.

19 b. A public high school is eligible for a grant of not
20 more than six thousand dollars if the proportion of students
21 enrolled in the high school who achieve advanced placement
22 scholar with honor status is equal to or greater than the
23 national proportion of students enrolled in high schools who
24 achieve advanced placement scholar honors status.

25 c. A public high school is eligible for a grant of not
26 more than nine thousand dollars if the proportion of students
27 enrolled in the high school who achieve advanced placement
28 scholar with distinction status is equal to or greater than
29 the national proportion of students enrolled in high schools
30 who achieve advanced placement scholar with distinction
31 status.

32 d. A public or accredited nonpublic high school is
33 eligible for a grant of not more than one thousand dollars for
34 the purpose of creating teacher in-service programs that lead
35 to the development and implementation of advanced placement

1 courses and standards within the high school.

2 2. Grant moneys received in accordance with subsection 1,
3 paragraphs "a", "b", and "c", shall be used for purposes of
4 acquiring or maintaining materials and technology for use by
5 advanced placement courses.

6 3. Moneys received under this section shall not be
7 commingled with state aid payments made under section 257.16
8 to a school district and shall be accounted for by the local
9 school district separately from state aid payments.

10 4. Payments made to school districts under this section
11 are miscellaneous income for purposes of chapter 257 or are
12 considered encumbered. Each local school district shall
13 maintain a separate listing within its accounting records for
14 payments received and expenditures made pursuant to this
15 section.

16 5. For purposes of this section and section 261.20A,
17 "advanced placement" means a college-level course offered by a
18 high school using curriculum provided by the college entrance
19 examination board and "college board advanced placement
20 examination" means an examination provided by the college
21 entrance examination board. The examinations are administered
22 by high schools to students participating in advanced
23 placement classes and the examination grades are rated on a
24 scale provided by the college board.

25 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 261.20A IOWA ADVANCED PLACEMENT
26 SCHOLARSHIPS.

27 1. The college student aid commission shall develop and
28 administer an Iowa advanced placement scholarship program for
29 Iowa resident students who successfully complete a minimum of
30 three college board advanced placement examinations during the
31 period specified by the commission. The program shall include
32 the following four scholarship levels:

33 a. Level one -- to be awarded to each student who
34 completes a minimum of three college board advanced placement
35 examinations with a score of three point zero or greater based

1 upon criteria of the college entrance examination board. A
2 scholarship awarded under this paragraph shall provide
3 assistance to a full-time student for not more than two
4 semesters, or if attending as a part-time student, not more
5 than four semesters of undergraduate study, or the trimester
6 or quarter equivalent.

7 b. Level two -- to be awarded to each student who
8 completes a minimum of four college board advanced placement
9 examinations with a score of three point zero or greater on
10 each examination, based upon criteria of the college entrance
11 examination board, and who has an average examination grade of
12 three point twenty-five or greater. A scholarship awarded
13 under this paragraph shall provide assistance to a full-time
14 student for not more than four semesters, or if attending as a
15 part-time student, not more than eight semesters of
16 undergraduate study, or the trimester or quarter equivalent.

17 c. Level three -- to be awarded to each student who
18 completes a minimum of five college board advanced placement
19 examinations with a score of three point zero or greater on
20 each examination, based upon criteria of the college entrance
21 examination board, and who has an average exam grade of at
22 least three point five. A scholarship awarded under this
23 paragraph shall provide assistance to a full-time student for
24 not more than six semesters, or if attending as a part-time
25 student, not more than twelve semesters of undergraduate
26 study, or the trimester or quarter equivalent.

27 d. Level four -- to be awarded to each student who
28 completes a minimum of eight college board advanced placement
29 examinations with a score of four point zero or greater on
30 each examination based upon criteria of the college entrance
31 examination board. A scholarship awarded under this paragraph
32 shall provide assistance to a full-time student for not more
33 than eight semesters, or if attending as a part-time student,
34 not more than sixteen semesters of undergraduate study, or the
35 trimester or quarter equivalent.

1 placement training offered by a community college, an
2 institution of higher learning under the control of the state
3 board of regents, or an accredited private institution as
4 defined in section 261.9, subsection 1.

5 5. Teaches advanced placement courses using a curriculum
6 established by the college entrance examination board at the
7 high school level.

8 6. The maximum annual loan reduction payment to an
9 eligible teacher for loan reduction payments made during a
10 school year is the amount necessary to pay not more than the
11 tuition charged for an advanced placement training institute
12 or an advanced placement program of coursework offered by a
13 community college in this state, an institution of higher
14 learning under the control of the state board of regents, or
15 an accredited private institution as defined in section 261.9,
16 subsection 1. However, payments made under this section shall
17 not exceed the resident tuition rate for an institution of
18 higher learning under the control of the state board of
19 regents.

20 7. For purposes of this section, "advanced placement"
21 means the same as defined in section 256.24, subsection 5.

22 EXPLANATION

23 This bill creates within the department of education an
24 advanced placement incentive grant program for public high
25 schools with a certain percentage of advanced placement
26 scholars, and for public and accredited nonpublic high schools
27 for the creation of teacher in-service programs that develop
28 and implement advanced placement courses and standards within
29 the high school. The bill also creates an Iowa advanced
30 placement scholarship program for students who reach various
31 levels as advanced placement scholars. The bill includes a
32 standing, unlimited appropriation from the general fund of the
33 state to the college student aid commission to pay for the
34 scholarship awards. Lastly, the bill makes a teacher who
35 attended an advanced placement training institute or an

1 accredited postsecondary school advanced placement program
2 eligible for loan reduction payments under the guaranteed loan
3 payment program.

4 All public and accredited nonpublic high schools are
5 eligible for a grant of not more than \$1,000 for the creation
6 of teacher in-service programs that develop and implement
7 advanced placement courses and standards within the high
8 school. A public high school is eligible for a grant of
9 \$3,000, \$6,000, or \$9,000, if the proportion of students
10 enrolled in the high school who achieve the respective status
11 of advanced placement scholar, scholar with honor, or scholar
12 with distinction, as determined by the college entrance
13 examination board, is equal to or greater than the national
14 proportion of students who achieve the respective status
15 level.

16 The college student aid commission is responsible for
17 developing and administering an Iowa advanced placement
18 scholarship program for Iowa resident students who
19 successfully complete a minimum of three college board
20 advanced placement examinations. The scholarships are awarded
21 for one, two, three, or four years, depending upon the score a
22 student achieves on a minimum level of college board advanced
23 placement examinations.

24 The amount of a scholarship to a qualified student shall be
25 the amount of the student's financial need, but shall not
26 exceed the resident tuition rate established for a regents
27 university.

28 The bill limits the maximum annual loan reduction payment
29 to an eligible teacher under the guaranteed loan payment
30 program to an amount necessary to pay the tuition charged for
31 an advanced placement training institute or an advanced
32 placement program of coursework offered by an accredited
33 postsecondary institution in this state. Payments shall not
34 exceed the resident tuition rate for a regents university.

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1 2. An applicant for an Iowa advanced placement scholarship
2 must meet the following initial requirements:

3 a. Complete and file an application determined by the
4 commission for a tuition grant.

5 b. Report promptly to the commission any information
6 requested.

7 c. Complete requirements for the high school diploma or
8 its equivalent by the end of the summer preceding entrance
9 into college.

10 d. Plan to enroll as a student at an accredited private
11 institution as defined in section 261.9, subsection 1,
12 community college as defined in section 260C.2, or institution
13 of higher learning under the control of the state board of
14 regents.

15 3. a. The amount of a scholarship to a qualified full-
16 time student for the fall and spring semesters, or the
17 trimester or quarter equivalent, shall be the amount of the
18 student's financial need for that period. However, if a
19 student elects to attend an accredited private institution
20 under this section, the amount of a scholarship under this
21 subsection shall not exceed the resident tuition rate
22 established for institutions of higher learning under the
23 control of the state board of regents.

24 b. The amount of a scholarship to a qualified full-time
25 student for the summer semester or trimester or quarter
26 equivalent shall be one-half the amount of the scholarship the
27 student receives under paragraph "a".

28 c. The amount of a scholarship to a qualified part-time
29 student enrolled in a course of study including at least three
30 semester hours but fewer than twelve semester hours for the
31 fall, spring, and summer semesters, or the trimester or
32 quarter equivalent, shall be equal to the amount of a
33 scholarship that would be paid to a full-time student times a
34 number which represents the number of hours in which the part-
35 time student is actually enrolled divided by twelve semester

1 hours, or the trimester or quarter equivalent.

2 4. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
3 state to the college student aid commission for each fiscal
4 year an amount sufficient to pay for scholarships awarded to
5 students who qualify under this section.

6 5. The college student aid commission shall adopt rules
7 pursuant to chapter 17A to administer this section.

8 6. For purposes of this section, "advanced placement" and
9 "college board advanced placement examination" mean the same
10 as defined in section 256.24, subsection 5, and "financial
11 need" means the difference between the student's financial
12 resources available, and the tuition charged for an advanced
13 placement training institute or an advanced placement program
14 of coursework offered by a community college, institution of
15 higher learning under the control of the state board of
16 regents, or an accredited private institution.

17 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 261.45 ADVANCED PLACEMENT TEACHER
18 TRAINING LOAN REDUCTION PAYMENTS.

19 An individual is eligible for loan reduction payments under
20 the guaranteed loan payment program if the individual meets
21 all of the following conditions:

22 1. Is a teacher employed on a full-time basis under
23 sections 279.13 through 279.19 in a school district in this
24 state, is a teacher in an accredited nonpublic school in this
25 state, or is a licensed teacher at the Iowa braille and sight
26 saving school or the Iowa school for the deaf.

27 2. As of the beginning of a school year, has an
28 outstanding debt with an eligible lender under the Iowa
29 guaranteed loan program or has parents with an outstanding
30 debt with an eligible lender under a federal PLUS loan
31 program.

32 3. Has never defaulted on a loan guaranteed by the
33 commission or by the federal government.

34 4. Successfully completed coursework at an advanced
35 placement training institute or coursework in advanced