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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the approval and administration of pilot
2 community education programs, and making an appropriation.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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EDUCATION

1 Section 1. Section 276.4, Code 2001, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 276.4 STATE CONSULTANT.

4 1. The state consultant of community education shall serve
5 district and local advisory councils in accordance with rules
6 ~~promulgated~~ adopted by the director of the department of
7 education and in compliance with Pub. L. No. 93-380.

8 2. The state consultant shall study and evaluate pilot
9 programs established pursuant to section 276.6, and shall
10 annually submit a summary of pilot project activities to the
11 director of the department of education. The summary shall
12 highlight and briefly describe innovative and successful uses
13 of pilot project funds that have had a positive effect on the
14 students, citizens, schools, and communities participating in
15 the pilot project. The department shall annually offer the
16 summary to school districts.

17 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 276.6 PILOT GRANT PROGRAM.

18 1. A community education pilot program is established to
19 be administered by the department of education to encourage
20 schools and communities to work together to provide for
21 citizen participation in identifying the wants, needs, and
22 concerns of the neighborhood community and to coordinate all
23 educational, recreational, and cultural opportunities within
24 the community in accordance with this chapter. The program
25 shall provide for the establishment of community education
26 pilot projects by the school year commencing July 1, 2002,
27 which shall be located in at least fifteen public schools,
28 five located in large school districts, five located in
29 medium-sized school districts, and five located in small
30 school districts. For purposes of this section, a large
31 school district is a district with an actual enrollment of
32 five thousand or more pupils; a medium-sized school district
33 is a district with an actual enrollment that is greater than
34 one thousand one hundred ninety-nine pupils, but less than
35 five thousand pupils; and a small school district is a

1 district with an actual enrollment of one thousand one hundred
2 ninety-nine or fewer pupils.

3 2. The department shall develop the criteria and process
4 to be used in selecting school district grant recipients, and
5 a pilot project evaluation process. Criteria for the
6 selection shall include the requirements contained in this
7 chapter and a method for prioritizing grant applications based
8 on illustrated efforts to meet the requirements of this
9 section. A school district that submits a grant application
10 to the department, in a format prescribed by the department,
11 shall agree to provide financial support in accordance with
12 section 276.10, in a one-to-one match of grant funding, for a
13 community education pilot project.

14 3. Up to five percent of any funds appropriated by the
15 general assembly for the purposes of this section may be used
16 for staffing, evaluation, and administration of the program.

17 4. Notwithstanding section 8.33, unencumbered or
18 unobligated funds remaining on June 30 of the fiscal year for
19 which the funds were appropriated shall not revert but shall
20 be available for expenditure for the following fiscal year for
21 the purposes of this section.

22 5. There is appropriated for each fiscal year from the
23 general fund of the state to the department of education the
24 sum of five hundred thousand dollars for purposes of the
25 community education pilot program.

26 Sec. 3. Section 276.10, subsection 1, Code 2001, is
27 amended to read as follows:

28 1. The board of directors of a local school district may
29 establish a community education program for schools in the
30 district and provide for the general supervision of the
31 program. Financial support for the program shall be provided
32 from funds raised pursuant to chapter 300 and from any private
33 funds and any federal funds made available for the purpose of
34 implementing this chapter, or in accordance with the
35 provisions of section 276.6 if the program is a pilot project.

1 The program, which recognizes that the schools belong to the
2 people and which shall be centered in the schools, may include
3 but shall not be limited to the use of the school facilities
4 day and night, year round, including weekends and regular
5 school vacation periods, for educational, recreational,
6 cultural, and other community services and programs for all
7 age, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups residing in the
8 community.

9 EXPLANATION

10 This bill establishes a community education pilot program
11 to be administered by the department of education and
12 appropriates \$500,000 annually to the program. The program is
13 created to encourage schools and communities to work together
14 to provide for citizen participation in identifying the wants,
15 needs, and concerns of the neighborhood community and to
16 coordinate all educational, recreational, and cultural
17 opportunities within the community.

18 The program shall provide for the establishment of
19 community education pilot projects in at least 15 public
20 schools by July 1, 2002. The bill requires that five projects
21 be located in public schools in school districts with 5,000 or
22 more pupils, five projects in public schools within school
23 districts with 1,200 to 4,999 pupils, and five projects in
24 public schools located in school districts with 1,199 or fewer
25 pupils.

26 The department is directed to develop the criteria and
27 process, and a method for prioritizing grant applications. A
28 school district that submits a grant application must agree to
29 provide a one-to-one match of grant funding. Under Code
30 chapter 276, financial support for a community education
31 program is to be provided from the imposition of an
32 educational and recreational tax levy, and from any private
33 and federal funds made available for community education.

34 The state consultant of community education is directed to
35 study and evaluate pilot programs, and to annually submit a

1 summary of pilot project activities to the director of the
2 department of education. The department shall annually offer
3 the summary to school districts.

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