

HOUSE FILE 316
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to and providing appropriations for early
2 childhood programs.

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

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1 Section 1. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. There is appropriated
2 from the general fund of the state to the department of
3 education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005, and
4 ending June 30, 2006, the following amounts, or so much
5 thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
6 designated:

7 1. To develop a voluntary statewide set of early learning
8 standards for three-year-olds and four-year-olds enrolled in a
9 preschool program funded by state or federal dollars and to
10 provide professional development to preschool program staff
11 regarding the early learning standards and other related
12 issues:

13 \$ 604,500

14 2. For deposit in the school ready children grants account
15 of the Iowa empowerment fund created in section 28.9:

16 \$ 4,465,156

17 3. For at-risk children programs in addition to the
18 funding appropriated for this purpose in section 279.51,
19 subsection 1:

20 \$ 20,000,000

21 The moneys appropriated in this subsection shall be
22 allocated for the purposes described in section 279.51,
23 subsection 1, paragraph "b", and for administrative costs as
24 provided in section 279.51, subsection 1, paragraph "d".

25 Sec. 2. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES. There is
26 appropriated from the general fund of the state to the
27 department of human services for the fiscal year beginning
28 July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2006, the following amount,
29 or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the
30 purposes designated:

31 For the state child care assistance program, including
32 implementing expanded income eligibility for the program and a
33 revised reimbursement methodology, as authorized in law, and
34 for design and implementation of a child care quality rating
35 system:

1 \$ 13,531,985

2 Sec. 3. DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT. There is appropriated
3 from the general fund of the state to the department of
4 management for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005, and
5 ending June 30, 2006, the following amount, or so much thereof
6 as is necessary, to be used for the purpose designated:

7 For the community empowerment office to improve
8 coordination of early care and health and education systems:
9 \$ 500,000

10 EXPLANATION

11 This bill relates to and provides appropriations for early
12 childhood programs.

13 The bill makes appropriations for early childhood
14 initiatives to the department of education for design and
15 implementation of Iowa early learning standards, additional
16 school ready children grant funding under the community
17 empowerment initiative, and additional at-risk children
18 funding; to the department of human services for
19 implementation of a child care quality rating system and for
20 state child care assistance program eligibility expansion and
21 reimbursement methodology changes; and to the department of
22 management for the community empowerment office.

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