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ECONOMIC GROWTH

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to a regional business assistance cooperative.

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

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 15E.21 REGIONAL BUSINESS
2 ASSISTANCE COOPERATIVE.
3 The department shall establish and administer a regional
4 business assistance cooperative. The department shall obtain
5 access to business assistance information from entities
6 including, but not limited to, community colleges, workforce
7 development centers, Iowa state university of science and
8 technology's extension service, small business development
9 centers, and business accelerators. The department shall
10 design the cooperative to allow a person seeking assistance at
11 any of the cooperating entities to access information from any
12 of the other cooperating entities.

13 EXPLANATION

14 This bill requires the department of economic development
15 to establish and administer a regional business assistance
16 cooperative. The bill requires the department to obtain
17 access to business assistance information from other business
18 development-related entities operating in the state. The bill
19 requires the department to design the cooperative to allow a
20 person seeking assistance at any of the cooperating entities
21 to access information from any of the other cooperating
22 entities.

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