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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to projects identified under the Iowa great
2 places program.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 303.3C, subsection 1, paragraph c, Code
2 Supplement 2005, is amended by striking the paragraph.

3 Sec. 2. Section 303.3C, subsection 3, paragraph b, Code
4 Supplement 2005, is amended to read as follows:

5 b. Identify ~~three~~ Iowa great places projects for purposes
6 of receiving a package of resources under the program.

7 Sec. 3. Section 303.3C, Code Supplement 2005, is amended
8 by adding the following new subsection:

9 NEW SUBSECTION. 4. a. Notwithstanding any restriction,
10 requirement, or duty to the contrary, in considering an
11 application for a grant, loan, or other financial assistance
12 from a city or county where an Iowa great places project has
13 been identified, a state agency may give preference to such
14 applications. This subsection applies to applications filed
15 within five years of the Iowa great places project
16 identification; however, the Iowa great places board may
17 extend the time period for which this subsection applies by
18 one year not more than three times.

19 b. By January 15 of each year, a state agency that gives
20 preference to an application where an Iowa great places
21 project has been identified pursuant to paragraph "a" shall
22 submit a report to the general assembly summarizing all
23 actions taken by the state agency pursuant to paragraph "a"
24 during the previous year.

25 EXPLANATION

26 This bill relates to projects identified under the Iowa
27 great places program.

28 Currently, under the program, three Iowa great places
29 projects are to be identified by the Iowa great places board,
30 and two years after the third project is identified,
31 additional projects may be identified. The bill eliminates
32 the two-year waiting period for identifying additional
33 projects.

34 The bill provides that, notwithstanding any restriction,
35 requirement, or duty to the contrary, in considering an

1 application for a grant, loan, or other financial assistance
2 from a city or county where an Iowa great places project has
3 been identified, a state agency may provide preference to such
4 applications. The bill provides that the preference
5 provisions apply to applications filed within five years of
6 the Iowa great places project identification; however, the
7 Iowa great places board may extend the time period by one year
8 not more than three times. The bill also includes a reporting
9 requirement for state agencies that apply the preferences
10 created under the bill.

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