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EDUCATION

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the establishment of a before and after school
2 competitive grant program and making an appropriation.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -- BEFORE AND AFTER
2 SCHOOL COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM. There is appropriated from
3 the general fund of the state to the department of education
4 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June
5 30, 2007, the following amount, or so much thereof as is
6 necessary, to be used for the purpose designated:

7 For a three-year before and after school competitive grant
8 program as set forth in section 256.24, if enacted by this
9 Act:

10 \$ 1,500,000

11 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 256.24 BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL
12 COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM.

13 1. A before and after school competitive grant program is
14 established to be administered by the department of education
15 to expand the availability of community before and after
16 school programs. The goal of the program shall be to provide
17 three-year grant awards to school districts and partnerships
18 established by a school district and a not-for-profit
19 community organization to implement before or after school
20 programs which provide a safe, engaging environment combining
21 academic, enrichment, cultural, and recreational activities to
22 guide learning and engage children and youth in year-round,
23 age-appropriate activities. Funds appropriated to the
24 department for purposes of the before and after school
25 competitive grant program shall be allocated only to the
26 extent that the state moneys are matched from other sources by
27 the school district or partnership based on the following
28 amounts:

29 a. A twenty percent local match for every dollar of grant
30 assistance received under this section in the first year.

31 b. A forty percent local match for every dollar of grant
32 assistance received under this section in the second year.

33 c. A sixty percent local match for every dollar of grant
34 assistance received under this section in the third year.

35 2. The department shall do the following:

1 a. Establish criteria for reviewing grant applications
2 that take into consideration evidence of the sustainability of
3 the proposed program; best practices; community collaboration;
4 innovation; activities which meet the needs of targeted
5 populations, such as teenagers and younger children; and
6 ongoing training for before and after school program
7 personnel. The department shall, to the extent possible,
8 award grants in a manner that balances distribution of grant
9 awards geographically throughout the state.

10 b. Monitor the progress of before and after school program
11 grant recipients.

12 c. Assist with the development of program evaluation plans
13 and data measures that account for the expenditure of program
14 funds.

15 d. Review costs and benefits of before and after school
16 programs receiving grant awards under this section.

17 e. Establish a clearinghouse for information on model
18 before and after school programs.

19 f. Annually, by January 31, submit a report to the
20 chairpersons and ranking members of the joint appropriations
21 subcommittee on education summarizing, at a minimum, the
22 activities, status, and expenditures of the programs receiving
23 assistance under this section.

24 3. An applicant receiving assistance under this section
25 shall submit a progress report to the department of education
26 by December 1 annually which shall include a description of
27 the activities under the program, the status of the
28 implementation of the program, expenditures made for purposes
29 of the program, and any other information required by the
30 department.

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EXPLANATION

32 This bill appropriates \$1.5 million from the general fund
33 of the state to the department of education for the 2006-2007
34 fiscal year for a three-year before and after school
35 competitive grant program. The goal of the program is to

1 provide grant awards to school districts and partnerships
2 established by a school district and a not-for-profit
3 community organization to implement before or after school
4 programs which provide a safe, engaging environment combining
5 academic, enrichment, cultural, and recreational activities to
6 guide learning and engage children and youth in year-round,
7 age-appropriate activities. State funds are to be matched by
8 local dollars in the amount of 20 percent in the first year,
9 40 percent in the second year, and 60 percent in the third
10 year.

11 The department is directed to establish grant award
12 criteria, distribute grant awards in a geographically balanced
13 manner, monitor the progress of grant recipients, assist with
14 the development of program evaluation plans and data measures
15 that account for the expenditure of program funds, review
16 costs and benefits of programs, establish a clearinghouse of
17 information on model programs, and annually, by January 31,
18 submit a report to the chairpersons and ranking members of the
19 joint appropriations subcommittee on education summarizing, at
20 a minimum, the activities, status, and expenditures of the
21 programs receiving assistance under the bill.

22 Grant applicants are directed to submit a progress report
23 to the department of education by December 1 annually.

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