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EDUCATION

HOUSE FILE 2437
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the development, maintenance, and promotion of
2 a credit transfer and articulation internet website by the
3 state board of regents and making an appropriation.

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

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HF 2437

1 Section 1. STATE BOARD OF REGENTS -- ARTICULATION WEBSITE
2 -- APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated from the general fund
3 of the state to the state board of regents for the fiscal year
4 beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007, the
5 following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
6 used for the purposes designated:

7 For the development, maintenance, and promotion of a credit
8 transfer and articulation internet website for use by students
9 who wish to transfer credits earned at a community college to
10 a state university governed by the board:

11 \$ 250,000

12 The general assembly finds that as college costs increase,
13 Iowa's community college students need access to resources
14 that allow the students to make informed, cost-effective
15 decisions regarding their postsecondary education plans. It
16 is the intent of the general assembly to provide for a
17 seamless transition for the students from Iowa's community
18 colleges to Iowa's state universities. Therefore, the state
19 board of regents shall, in cooperation with the department of
20 education and the community colleges, develop, maintain, and
21 promote a user-friendly credit transfer and articulation
22 internet website that allows Iowans to know at the time of
23 enrollment in a community college course whether the credit
24 will be accepted by the state university of the student's
25 choice, the category in which the university will apply the
26 credit, and to which degree program or programs the credit
27 will be applied by the university. The board and the
28 community colleges shall continuously strive to improve upon
29 the coordinating efforts between the state universities and
30 the community colleges to map and articulate community college
31 courses for college credit with the degree programs offered at
32 the state universities. The website shall be operational not
33 later than July 1, 2007.

34 EXPLANATION

35 This bill appropriates \$250,000 from the general fund of

1 the state to the state board of regents for the development,
2 maintenance, and promotion of a user-friendly credit transfer
3 and articulation internet website that allows Iowans to know
4 at the time of enrollment in a community college course
5 whether the credit earned will be accepted by the state
6 university of the student's choice, the category in which the
7 university will apply the credit, and to which degree program
8 or programs the credit will be applied by the university. The
9 website must be operational not later than July 1, 2007.

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