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A BILL FOR

1 An Act to establish a targeted skills training program and fund
2 in the department of workforce development and making an
3 appropriation.

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

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 84A.11 TARGETED SKILLS TRAINING
2 PROGRAM AND FUND.

3 1. A targeted skills training program is established in
4 the department of workforce development to provide high-skills
5 training for employees in certain targeted industries
6 including life sciences, advanced manufacturing,
7 biotechnology, insurance, and environmental technology. The
8 targeted skills training program shall assist displaced and
9 unemployed persons who meet the eligibility requirements for
10 the workforce investment program created under section 84A.8.

11 2. The department of workforce development shall
12 administer the targeted skills training program and shall
13 adopt rules governing its operation and additional eligibility
14 guidelines for participation as deemed necessary by the
15 department. When possible, the department shall coordinate
16 training activities with other available employment and
17 training programs and services. The department shall not find
18 a participant eligible under this program in any fiscal year
19 until after funds allocated from the federal department of
20 labor to the department of workforce development pursuant to
21 the federal Workforce Investment Act, 29 U.S.C. § 2801 et
22 seq., have been fully expended.

23 3. A targeted skills training fund is established in the
24 state treasury under the control of the department of
25 workforce development. The fund shall consist of moneys
26 appropriated to the fund from the general fund of the state
27 and any other moneys available to and obtained or accepted by
28 the department from the federal government or private sources
29 for placement in the fund. The assets of the fund shall be
30 used by the department only for carrying out the purposes of
31 this section.

32 Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION -- TARGETED SKILLS TRAINING PROGRAM.

33 There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to
34 the department of workforce development for the fiscal year
35 beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007, the

1 following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
2 used for the purposes designated:

3 For administering the targeted skills training program,
4 including salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous
5 purposes:

6 \$ 3,000,000

7 Amounts appropriated pursuant to this section shall be in
8 addition to, and shall not replace, funds otherwise
9 appropriated to the department of workforce development.

10 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in this
11 section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close
12 of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available
13 for expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of
14 the succeeding fiscal year.

15 EXPLANATION

16 This bill establishes a targeted skills training program in
17 the department of workforce development. The bill establishes
18 a targeted skills training program to provide high-skills
19 training for employees in certain targeted industries. These
20 targeted industries may include life sciences, advanced
21 manufacturing, biotechnology, insurance, and environmental
22 technology. The targeted skills training program is
23 established to assist displaced and unemployed persons who
24 meet the eligibility requirements for the workforce investment
25 program created under Code section 84A.8. The bill directs
26 the department of workforce development to administer the
27 targeted skills training program and coordinate training
28 activities with other available training and employment
29 programs. The department is directed by the bill not to allow
30 participants in the program until after all federal funds
31 allocated to the department of workforce development under the
32 federal Workforce Investment Act have been expended. The bill
33 establishes a targeted skills training fund under the control
34 of the department of workforce development.

35 The bill makes an appropriation from the general fund of

1 the state to the department of workforce development for
2 fiscal year 2006 to administer the targeted skills training
3 program.

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