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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to dental health, by establishing a mobile dental
2 health delivery program and a dentist recruitment program,
3 establishing revolving funds, and making appropriations.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 135.27 MOBILE DENTAL HEALTH
2 DELIVERY PROGRAM -- ESTABLISHED -- REVOLVING FUND.

3 1. A mobile dental health delivery program shall be
4 established by the department, involving the transportation of
5 portable dental equipment for on-site comprehensive dental
6 care. The objective of the program shall be to improve the
7 dental health and provide preventative dental screening and
8 care for targeted at-risk and special care populations,
9 including but not limited to rural, underserved, elderly,
10 youth, and racial or ethnic minority populations. The program
11 shall involve transportation of the dental equipment to long-
12 term care facilities, group homes, head start centers,
13 schools, women in crisis clinics, and other satellite sites
14 for delivery of dental services to at-risk and special care
15 populations to be determined by the department by rule.

16 2. To be eligible for participation in the program, an
17 applicant must be a community empowerment area board as
18 provided in section 28.6 which commits a local match
19 contribution to the program in an amount or form, and
20 according to criteria, to be established by the department by
21 rule. Local contributions may include providing space for
22 setting up a mobile dental clinic for utilization of the
23 portable dental equipment, providing dental health
24 professionals to staff a mobile dental clinic, and possible
25 minimum financial contributions.

26 3. The department shall, either directly or by contract
27 with an entity selected by the department, collect and analyze
28 data regarding the operation of the program. The data to be
29 collected and analyzed shall be determined by the department
30 by rule. The analysis of the data shall include an assessment
31 of whether the program has resulted in a financial savings,
32 whether it appears to improve dental health outcomes, and
33 whether it assists local health institutions in developing
34 wellness activities that promote better community health and
35 economic vitality. A report of the data collected and

1 analyzed, and conclusions reached, shall be submitted to the
2 department and the general assembly by January 15 annually.

3 4. A mobile dental health delivery revolving fund is
4 created in the state treasury as a separate fund under the
5 control of the department. The department shall deposit
6 amounts appropriated for the establishment of the program, and
7 funds received from any other source for purposes of the
8 program, into the revolving fund for use in establishing,
9 maintaining, and administering the program, and for purposes
10 of data collection and analysis. Notwithstanding section
11 8.33, any balance in the fund on June 30 of any fiscal year
12 shall not revert to the general fund of the state.

13 Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or
14 earnings on moneys in the revolving fund shall be credited to
15 the fund.

16 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 261.23A DENTIST RECRUITMENT PROGRAM
17 -- REVOLVING FUND.

18 1. A dentist recruitment program is established to be
19 administered by the college student aid commission for the
20 university of Iowa college of dentistry. The program shall
21 consist of a forgivable loan program and a rural community
22 loan repayment program for dentists. The commission shall
23 regularly adjust the dentist service requirement under each
24 aspect of the program to provide, to the extent possible, an
25 equal financial benefit for each period of service required.
26 From funds appropriated for purposes of the program by the
27 general assembly, the commission shall pay a fee to the
28 university of Iowa college of dentistry for administration of
29 the program. A portion of the fee shall be paid by the
30 commission to the university based upon the number of dental
31 students and dentists recruited under subsections 2 and 3.

32 2. a. The university of Iowa college of dentistry shall
33 provide recommendations to the commission for students who
34 meet the eligibility requirements of the forgivable loan
35 program under this subsection. A forgivable loan may be

1 awarded to a resident of Iowa who meets both of the following
2 conditions:

3 (1) Is enrolled on a full-time basis at the university of
4 Iowa college of dentistry.

5 (2) Agrees to practice dentistry in an area in this state
6 underserved by dentists for a period of time to be determined
7 by the commission at the time the loan is awarded.

8 b. The loan shall be for a term set by the commission.
9 Interest on the loan shall begin to accrue the day following
10 the date on which the student graduates from the university,
11 or on the date the student graduates from a residency program,
12 whichever date is later. If the student completes the period
13 of practice in the underserved area established by the
14 commission and agreed to by the student, the loan amount shall
15 be forgiven. Neither the loan amount nor the interest on the
16 loan amount shall be forgiven if the dentist fails to complete
17 the required time period of practice in the underserved area
18 of this state.

19 3. A dentist who graduated from the university of Iowa
20 college of dentistry shall be eligible for the rural community
21 loan repayment program if the dentist agrees to practice in an
22 eligible rural community in this state. The university of
23 Iowa college of dentistry shall recruit and place dentists in
24 rural communities that have agreed to provide additional funds
25 for the dentist's loan repayment. The contract for the loan
26 repayment shall stipulate the time period the dentist shall
27 practice in an eligible rural community in this state and
28 shall also stipulate that the dentist repay any funds paid on
29 the dentist's loan by the commission if the dentist fails to
30 practice in an eligible rural community in this state for the
31 required period of time. For purposes of this subsection,
32 "eligible rural community" means a rural community in this
33 state underserved by dentists that agrees to match state funds
34 provided on at least a dollar-for-dollar basis for the loan
35 repayment of a dentist who practices in the eligible rural

1 community.

2 4. The commission shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter
3 17A to administer this section.

4 5. A dentist recruitment revolving fund is created in the
5 state treasury as a separate fund under the control of the
6 commission. The commission shall deposit payments made by
7 dentist recruitment program recipients and the proceeds from
8 the sale of loans made pursuant to subsection 2 into the
9 dentist recruitment revolving fund. Moneys credited to the
10 fund shall be used to supplement moneys appropriated for the
11 dentist recruitment program, for loan forgiveness to eligible
12 dentists, and to pay for loan or interest repayment defaults
13 by eligible dentists. Notwithstanding section 8.33, any
14 balance in the fund on June 30 of any fiscal year shall not
15 revert to the general fund of the state. Notwithstanding
16 section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or earnings on moneys in
17 the dentist recruitment revolving fund shall be credited to
18 the fund.

19 Sec. 3. DENTIST RECRUITMENT PROGRAM. There is
20 appropriated from the general fund of the state to the college
21 student aid commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
22 2006, and ending June 30, 2007, the following amount, or so
23 much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purpose
24 designated:

25 For deposit in the dentist recruitment revolving fund
26 established pursuant to section 261.23A:
27 \$ 250,000

28 Sec. 4. MOBILE DENTAL HEALTH DELIVERY PROGRAM. There is
29 appropriated from the general fund of the state to the Iowa
30 department of public health for the fiscal year beginning July
31 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007, the following amount, or so
32 much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purpose
33 designated:

34 For deposit in the mobile dental health delivery revolving
35 fund established pursuant to section 135.27:

1 \$ 876,000

2 Of the amount appropriated pursuant to this section,
3 \$40,000 shall be allocated to the department for the costs of
4 administering the program.

5 EXPLANATION

6 This bill relates to dental health and the practice of
7 dentistry by establishing a mobile dental health delivery
8 program and a dentist recruitment program.

9 The bill provides that a mobile dental health delivery
10 program shall be established by the Iowa department of public
11 health. The program will involve transporting portable dental
12 equipment for on-site comprehensive dental care to improve the
13 dental health and care for targeted at-risk and special care
14 populations specified in the bill. The bill states that the
15 dental equipment will be transported to long-term care
16 facilities, group homes, head start centers, schools, women in
17 crisis clinics, and other satellite sites for delivery of
18 dental services to at-risk and special care populations to be
19 determined by the department by rule. The bill appropriates
20 \$876,000 to the department for the 2006-2007 fiscal year for
21 the program, with \$40,000 to be retained by the department to
22 cover administrative costs.

23 The bill provides that an applicant for the program must be
24 a community empowerment area board as provided in Code section
25 28.6 which commits a local match contribution to the program,
26 to be determined by rule. The bill provides examples of local
27 contributions, and provides that the department shall, either
28 directly or by contract with an entity selected by the
29 department, collect and analyze data to be determined by the
30 department by rule regarding the operation of the program.
31 The data to be collected and analyzed shall be determined by
32 the department by rule, and the analysis shall include an
33 assessment of whether the program has resulted in a financial
34 savings, whether it appears to improve dental health outcomes,
35 and whether it assists local health institutions in developing

1 wellness activities that promote better community health and
2 economic vitality. The bill states that a report of the data
3 collected and analyzed, and conclusions reached, shall be
4 submitted to the department and the general assembly by
5 January 15 annually.

6 The bill creates a mobile dental health delivery revolving
7 fund in the state treasury as a separate fund under the
8 control of the department, into which amounts appropriated for
9 the program, and funds received from any other source, shall
10 be deposited for use in establishing, maintaining, and
11 administering the program, and for purposes of data collection
12 and analysis. Moneys in the fund do not revert to the general
13 fund and the interest or earnings on moneys in the fund are
14 credited to the fund.

15 The bill also establishes a dentist recruitment program to
16 be administered by the college student aid commission for the
17 university of Iowa college of dentistry. The program consists
18 of a loan forgiveness program for students who agree to
19 practice in underserved areas upon graduation and a rural
20 community loan repayment program for dentists who agree to
21 serve in eligible rural communities. The bill appropriates
22 \$250,000 to the college student aid commission for the 2006-
23 2007 fiscal year for the program. An eligible rural community
24 is a rural community underserved by dentists that agrees to
25 match state funds provided for the dentist's loans on at least
26 a \$1-for-\$1 basis.

27 From funds appropriated for the program by the general
28 assembly, the commission must pay a fee to the university of
29 Iowa college of dentistry for administration of the program
30 based upon the number of dental students and dentists
31 recruited.

32 Students are eligible for the loan forgiveness program if
33 they are residents of Iowa, are enrolled on a full-time basis
34 at the university of Iowa college of dentistry, and agree to
35 practice dentistry in an area underserved by dentists for a

1 period of time to be determined by the commission at the time
2 the loan is awarded.

3 A dentist who graduated from the university of Iowa college
4 of dentistry is eligible for the rural community loan
5 repayment program if the dentist agrees to practice in an
6 eligible rural community in this state for a time agreed to by
7 the dentist and the commission.

8 The dentist recruitment revolving fund is created in the
9 state treasury as a separate fund under the control of the
10 commission. Moneys in the fund derive from payments made by
11 dentist recruitment program recipients and the proceeds from
12 the sale of loans. Moneys in the fund must be used to
13 supplement moneys appropriated for the dentist recruitment
14 program, for loan forgiveness to eligible dentists, and to pay
15 for loan or interest repayment defaults by eligible dentists.
16 Moneys in the fund do not revert to the general fund and
17 interest or earnings on moneys in the fund are credited to the
18 fund.

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