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ECONOMIC GROWTH

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the establishment of regional sports
2 authorities by convention and visitors bureaus in certain
3 cities 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. 15E.321 REGIONAL SPORTS

2 AUTHORITIES -- APPROPRIATION.

3 1. As used in this section, "authority" means a regional
4 sports authority established under this section.

5 2. The department shall request the convention and
6 visitors bureau in each of the ten largest cities in the
7 state, as shown by the 2000 certified federal census, to
8 establish a regional sports authority.

9 3. Each authority shall actively promote youth sports,
10 high school athletic activities, the special olympics, and
11 other nonprofessional sporting events in the local area.

12 4. Each authority shall be governed by a seven-member
13 board consisting of four members appointed by the local
14 convention and visitors bureau and three members appointed by
15 the city council. Each board shall be responsible for
16 administering programs designed to promote the activities
17 enumerated in subsection 3.

18 5. For each fiscal year there is appropriated from the
19 general fund of the state to the department of economic
20 development two million dollars to be distributed to all
21 regional sports authorities certified by the department as
22 operating qualifying programs on an equal basis.

23 EXPLANATION

24 This bill relates to the establishment of regional sports
25 authorities and makes appropriations.

26 The bill requires the department of economic development to
27 request the convention and visitors bureau in each of the 10
28 largest cities in the state to establish a regional sports
29 authority for its community. The bill provides that each
30 authority shall actively promote youth sports, high school
31 athletic activities, the special olympics, and other
32 nonprofessional sporting events in the local area. The bill
33 provides that each authority shall be governed by a seven-
34 member board.

35 The bill provides that each fiscal year the department of

1 economic development is appropriated \$2 million from the
2 general fund of the state to be distributed to all regional
3 sports authorities operating qualifying programs on an equal
4 basis.

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