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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the Iowa disaster aid individual assistance
2 grant program administered by the department of human
3 services.

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

1 Section 1. Section 29C.20A, subsection 2, Code Supplement
2 2011, is amended to read as follows:

3 2. The grant funds shall be administered by the department
4 of human services. The department shall adopt rules to create
5 the Iowa disaster aid individual assistance grant program. The
6 rules shall specify the eligibility of applicants and eligible
7 items for grant funding. The executive council shall use
8 grant funds to reimburse the department of human services for
9 its actual expenses associated with the administration of the
10 grants. The department of human services may implement an
11 ongoing contract with a provider or providers of a statewide
12 program with local offices throughout the state to serve as the
13 local administrative entity for the grant program so that the
14 program can be implemented with minimal delay when a disaster
15 occurs in a local area. The rules adopted by the department
16 of human services for the program shall include but are not
17 limited to all of the following:

18 a. If a local administrative entity is under contract with
19 the state to provide other services or is implementing a state
20 or federal program and the contract contains a sufficient
21 surety bond or other adequate financial responsibility
22 provision, the department shall accept the existing surety
23 bond or financial responsibility provision in lieu of applying
24 a new or additional surety bond or financial responsibility
25 requirement.

26 b. If the president of the United States has declared a
27 major disaster to exist in this state and federal aid is made
28 available to provide assistance grants to individuals similar
29 to that provided by the Iowa disaster aid individual assistance
30 grant program, the Iowa program shall be continued in a manner
31 that complements and augments the federal aid provisions.

32 c. Authorization for the local administrative entity to draw
33 grant funding to pay valid claims on at least a weekly basis.

34 d. If the local administrative entity operates another
35 program and, in accordance with the federal office of

1 management and budget cost principles for nonprofit
2 organizations, receives a federally approved indirect cost
3 rate or has a state-recognized cost plan, the administrative
4 entity's administrative costs for the grant program shall
5 be paid in accordance with the cost rate provisions or cost
6 plan, as applicable. Otherwise, the administrative entity's
7 administrative costs shall be limited to ten percent of the
8 amount of the grant funds administered by the entity.

9 e. The grant program shall be administered in a manner
10 that is integrated with the disaster case management system
11 implemented pursuant to section 29C.20B.

12 EXPLANATION

13 This bill relates to the Iowa disaster aid individual
14 assistance grant program administered by the department of
15 human services.

16 The department is authorized by the bill to implement an
17 ongoing contract with a provider or providers of a statewide
18 program with local offices throughout the state to serve as the
19 local administrative entity for the grant program so that the
20 program can be implemented with minimal delay when a disaster
21 occurs in a local area.

22 The rules adopted by the department of human services
23 are required by the bill to include the following: require
24 acceptance of an administrative entity's existing surety
25 bond or other financial responsibility provisions from
26 another contract with the state; provide for adaptation
27 and continuation of the state grant program if federal aid
28 provisions are implemented; provide for the administrative
29 entity to draw grant funding on at least a weekly basis;
30 provide certain methods for calculating the administrative
31 entity's administrative costs; and require the grant program
32 to be integrated with the disaster case management program
33 administered by the homeland security and emergency management
34 division under Code section 29C.20B.