



HF 2388 – Foster Care Student Credit Transfer (LSB 6154HV)
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Description

House File 2388 requires area education agencies (AEAs) to employ a child welfare liaison to provide services and guidance to school districts to assist in the enrollment transfer of students receiving foster care services.

Additionally, this Bill requires school districts to develop procedures for awarding credits while the foster care student is enrolled in another district and promote and develop procedures that will ease the transition of the student to the school district.

Assumptions

Assumptions include:

- Each of the nine AEAs will be required to employ one additional FTE position to fulfill the child welfare liaison position requirement.
- Average salary with benefits for one FTE position with a 190-day contract is \$86,000.
- The added staff will require annual training and development equivalent to an additional 10 contract days.
- Additional staff for support of the provisions of this Bill may be required; however, this estimate assumes that support will be absorbed by current staff.
- The Department of Education has indicated the need for an additional 0.30 FTE position to administer provisions of this Bill. If no additional resources are provided, it is assumed that any additional resources required will be absorbed through current funding levels.
- The Department of Human Services has indicated this Bill will not require additional resources to implement.
- In some cases, there may be additional costs to school districts as a result of implementing provisions in this Bill. However, those costs are currently unknown and may vary between school districts.
- This Bill specifies that any additional costs to school districts resulting from this proposal, will be paid from State school aid.

Fiscal Impact

There is no State General Fund impact resulting from this Bill. There will be an additional annual cost of approximately \$90,000 per AEA, for a total cost of approximately \$810,000 and \$30,500 to the Department of Education. Any additional costs incurred by school districts or AEAs will be funded through existing State school aid allocations. Additionally, the Department of Education will require \$30,500 each year for costs associated with 0.30 FTE position.

Sources

Iowa Department of Education
Iowa Department of Human Services
Iowa Association of School Boards

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The fiscal note for this bill was prepared pursuant to [Joint Rule 17](#) and the Iowa Code. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Fiscal Services Division of the Legislative Services Agency upon request.
