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SENATE FILE 2168

BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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Vote: Ayes 46 Nays 1 Vote: Ayes 66 Nays 32

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to programs for returning dropouts and
2 dropout prevention by a local school district.

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

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FISCAL NOTE

REQUESTED BY REPRESENTATIVE OLLIE

In compliance with a written request received March 23, 1984, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for SENATE FILE 2168 pursuant to Joint Rule 17. Background information used in developing this Fiscal Note is available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau, to members of the General Assembly upon request.

Senate File 2168 permits a local school district to include a dropout prevention program with a program for returning dropouts.

Fiscal Effect: This program is funded by property tax dollars with no involvement of state funds. This bill does not change the funding mechanism or maximum amount of property tax which can be raised. The program is broadened to include potential dropouts. It is assumed more districts would participate, the number of which is not known.

(3552S, . 84-283F, GPD)

FILED MARCH 26, 1984

BY DENNIS PROUTY, FISCAL DIRECTOR

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1 Section 1. Section 442.51, Code Supplement 1983, is amended
2 to read as follows:

3 442.51 PROGRAMS FOR RETURNING DROPOUTS AND DROPOUT
4 PREVENTION. For the school year beginning July 1, 1984 and
5 succeeding school years, boards of school districts,
6 individually or jointly with boards of other school districts,
7 requesting to use additional allowable growth for programs
8 for returning dropouts and dropout prevention, may annually
9 submit comprehensive program plans for the programs and budget
10 costs, including requests for additional allowable growth
11 for funding the programs, to the department of public
12 instruction as provided in this chapter. In addition to the
13 requirements for program plans listed in section 442.32, the
14 program plans shall include:

- 15 1. A provision for dropout prevention and integration
- 16 of dropouts into the educational program of the district.
- 17 2. A provision for identifying dropouts.
- 18 3. A program for returning dropouts.

19 Program plans ~~for dropouts~~ shall identify the parts of
20 the plan that will be implemented first upon approval of the
21 application. If a district is requesting to use additional
22 allowable growth to finance the program, it shall not identify
23 more than five percent of its budget enrollment for the budget
24 year as returning dropouts and potential dropouts.

25 Sec. 2. Section 442.52, Code Supplement 1983, is amended
26 to read as follows:

27 442.52 DEFINED DEFINITIONS.

28 1. "Returning dropouts" are resident pupils who have been
29 enrolled in a public or nonpublic school in any of grades
30 seven through twelve who withdrew from school for a reason
31 other than transfer to another school or school district and
32 who subsequently enrolled in public school in the district.

33 2. "Potential dropouts" are resident pupils who are
34 enrolled in a public or nonpublic school in any of grades
35 seven through twelve who demonstrate poor school adjustment

1 and are expected to terminate school before graduation. Poor
2 school adjustment is demonstrated by two or more of the
3 following:

4 a. High rate of absenteeism, truancy, or frequent
5 tardiness.

6 b. Limited or no extracurricular participation or lack
7 of identification with school, including but not limited to,
8 expressed feelings of not belonging.

9 c. Poor grades, including but not limited to, failing
10 in one or more school subjects or grade levels.

11 d. Low achievement scores in reading or mathematics which
12 reflect achievement at two years or more below grade level.

13 Sec. 3. Section 442.53, Code Supplement 1983, is amended
14 to read as follows:

15 442.53 PLANS FOR RETURNING DROPOUTS AND DROPOUT PREVENTION.

16 The board of directors of a school district requesting to
17 use additional allowable growth for programs for returning
18 dropouts and dropout prevention shall submit applications
19 for approval for the programs to the department not later
20 than November 1 preceding the fiscal year during which the
21 program will be offered. The department shall review the
22 program plans and shall prior to January 15 either grant
23 approval for the program or return the request for approval
24 with comments of the department included. An unapproved
25 request for a program may be resubmitted with modifications
26 to the department not later than February 1. Not later than
27 February 15, the department shall notify the state comptroller
28 and the school budget review committee of the names of the
29 school districts for which ~~the~~ programs using additional
30 allowable growth for funding have been approved and the
31 approved budget of each program listed separately for each
32 school district having an approved program.

33 Sec. 4. Section 442.54, Code Supplement 1983, is amended
34 to read as follows:

35 442.54 FUNDING FOR PROGRAMS FOR RETURNING DROPOUTS AND

1 DROPOUT PREVENTION. The budget of an approved program for
2 returning dropouts and dropout prevention for a school
3 district, after subtracting funds received from other sources
4 for that purpose, shall be funded annually on a basis of one-
5 fourth or more from the district cost of the school district
6 and up to three-fourths by an increase in allowable growth
7 as defined in section 442.7. Annually, the state comptroller
8 shall establish a modified allowable growth for each such
9 district equal to the difference between the approved budget
10 for the program for returning dropouts and dropout prevention
11 for that district and the sum of the amount funded from the
12 district cost of the school district plus funds received from
13 other sources.

14 EXPLANATION

15 This bill permits a local school district to include a
16 dropout prevention program with a program for returning drop-
17 outs. Legislation was enacted in 1983 for a returning drop-
18 out program.

19 The bill does not change the funding mechanism for the
20 previously created returning dropout program so the dropout
21 prevention program would have to use the same additional al-
22 lowable growth approved by the department of public instruc-
23 tion as previously used for the returning dropout program.

24 The bill takes effect July 1 following its enactment.

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SENATE FILE 2168

AN ACT

RELATING TO PROGRAMS FOR RETURNING DROPOUTS AND DROPOUT PREVENTION BY A LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT.

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

Section 1. Section 442.51, Code Supplement 1983, is amended to read as follows:

442.51 PROGRAMS FOR RETURNING DROPOUTS AND DROPOUT PREVENTION. For the school year beginning July 1, 1984 and succeeding school years, boards of school districts, individually or jointly with boards of other school districts, requesting to use additional allowable growth for programs for returning dropouts and dropout prevention, may annually submit comprehensive program plans for the programs and budget

costs, including requests for additional allowable growth for funding the programs, to the department of public instruction as provided in this chapter. In addition to the requirements for program plans listed in section 442.32, the program plans shall include:

1. A provision for dropout prevention and integration of dropouts into the educational program of the district.
2. A provision for identifying dropouts.
3. A program for returning dropouts.

Program plans for ~~dropouts~~ shall identify the parts of the plan that will be implemented first upon approval of the application. If a district is requesting to use additional allowable growth to finance the program, it shall not identify more than five percent of its budget enrollment for the budget year as returning dropouts and potential dropouts.

Sec. 2. Section 442.52, Code Supplement 1983, is amended to read as follows:

442.52 ~~DEFINER~~ DEFINITIONS.

1. "Returning dropouts" are resident pupils who have been enrolled in a public or nonpublic school in any of grades seven through twelve who withdrew from school for a reason other than transfer to another school or school district and who subsequently enrolled in public school in the district.

2. "Potential dropouts" are resident pupils who are enrolled in a public or nonpublic school in any of grades seven through twelve who demonstrate poor school adjustment and are expected to terminate school before graduation. Poor school adjustment is demonstrated by two or more of the following:

- a. High rate of absenteeism, truancy, or frequent tardiness.
- b. Limited or no extracurricular participation or lack of identification with school, including but not limited to, expressed feelings of not belonging.

c. Poor grades, including but not limited to, failing in one or more school subjects or grade levels.

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Sec. 3. Section 442.53, Code Supplement 1983, is amended to read as follows:

442.53 PLANS FOR RETURNING DROPOUTS AND DROPOUT PREVENTION.

The board of directors of a school district requesting to use additional allowable growth for programs for returning dropouts and dropout prevention shall submit applications for approval for the programs to the department not later than November 1 preceding the fiscal year during which the program will be offered. The department shall review the program plans and shall prior to January 15 either grant approval for the program or return the request for approval with comments of the department included. An unapproved request for a program may be resubmitted with modifications to the department not later than February 1. Not later than February 15, the department shall notify the state comptroller and the school budget review committee of the names of the school districts for which the programs using additional allowable growth for funding have been approved and the approved budget of each program listed separately for each school district having an approved program.

Sec. 4. Section 442.54, Code Supplement 1983, is amended to read as follows:

442.54 FUNDING FOR PROGRAMS FOR RETURNING DROPOUTS AND DROPOUT PREVENTION. The budget of an approved program for returning dropouts and dropout prevention for a school district, after subtracting funds received from other sources for that purpose, shall be funded annually on a basis of one-fourth or more from the district cost of the school district and up to three-fourths by an increase in allowable growth as defined in section 442.7. Annually, the state comptroller shall establish a modified allowable growth for each such

district equal to the difference between the approved budget for the program for returning dropouts and dropout prevention for that district and the sum of the amount funded from the district cost of the school district plus funds received from other sources.

ROBERT T. ANDERSON
President of the Senate

DONALD D. AVENSON
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 2168, Seventieth General Assembly.

K. MARIE THAYER
Secretary of the Senate

Approved *April 9*, 1984

TERRY E. BRANSTAD
Governor