

SENATE FILE 317
BY FINK

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the establishment of special education
2 weightings by the school budget review committee.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 256B.9, subsection 4, Code 1995, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 4. On December 1, ~~1987~~ 1995, and no later than December 1
4 every two years thereafter, for the school year commencing the
5 following July 1, the director of the department of education
6 shall report to the school budget review committee the average
7 costs of providing instruction for children requiring special
8 education in the categories of the weighting plan established
9 under this section, and for providing services to nonpublic
10 school students pursuant to section 256.12, subsection 2, and
11 the director of the department of education shall make
12 recommendations to the school budget review committee for
13 needed alterations to make the weighting plan suitable for
14 subsequent school years. The school budget review committee
15 shall establish the weighting plan for each school year and
16 shall report the plan to the director of the department of
17 education. The school budget review committee may establish
18 weights to the nearest hundredth and the weights shall reflect
19 the actual costs of providing instruction for children
20 requiring special education. The school budget review
21 committee shall not alter the weighting assigned to pupils in
22 a regular curriculum, ~~but it may increase or decrease the~~
23 ~~weighting assigned to each category of children requiring~~
24 ~~special education by not more than two tenths of the weighting~~
25 ~~assigned to pupils in a regular curriculum.~~ The state board
26 of education shall adopt rules under chapter 17A to implement
27 the weighting plan for each year and to assist in
28 identification and proper indexing of each child in the state
29 who requires special education.

30 EXPLANATION

31 This bill allows the school budget review committee to
32 establish weights to the nearest hundredth to reflect the
33 actual costs of providing instruction for children requiring
34 special education. Language limiting the amount by which the
35 weighting may be increased or decreased is stricken from the

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