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SENATE FILE **2354**
BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the establishment of a student advancement
2 policy.

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

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SENATE FILE 2354

S-5094

1 Amend the amendment, S-5032, to Senate File 2354,
2 as follows:

3 1. Page 1, by striking lines 42 through 45.

4 2. Page 2, by inserting after line 10 the
5 following:

6 "Sec. ____ . CONTINGENT EFFECTIVENESS. This Act
7 takes effect only if the general assembly appropriates
8 funds for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, in
9 an amount sufficient to implement the provisions of
10 this Act."

11 3. Title page, line 2, by inserting after the
12 word "policy" the following: "and a supplemental
13 strategies and educational services grant program and
14 providing for contingent effectiveness".

15 4. By renumbering as necessary.

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S-5094 FILED MARCH 20, 2006

SC 2354

1 Section 1. STUDENT ADVANCEMENT POLICY. A student
2 advancement policy for the state shall be established.

3 EXPLANATION

4 This bill provides for the establishment of a student
5 advancement policy for the state.

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SENATE FILE 2354

S-5032

1 Amend Senate File 2354 as follows:

2 1. By striking everything after the enacting
3 clause and inserting the following:

4 "Section 1. NEW SECTION. 279.63 STUDENT
5 ADVANCEMENT POLICY -- FINDINGS.

6 1. The general assembly finds and declares that
7 students should be able to meet or exceed the
8 standards and benchmarks established by the school
9 district of enrollment in order to advance to the next
10 grade level.

11 2. The board of directors of each school district
12 shall adopt a student advancement policy which
13 provides for the following:

14 a. Supplemental strategies to be provided to all
15 students in kindergarten through grade five who do not
16 meet the grade level standards or benchmarks
17 established by the school district for English-
18 language arts, social studies, mathematics, and
19 science.

20 b. A requirement that students in grades six
21 through eight who fail one or more of the core courses
22 make up deficiencies before advancing to the next
23 level in the subject area. "Core course" for purposes
24 of this section means a course in the following
25 subject areas: English-language arts, social studies,
26 mathematics, and science.

27 c. Opportunities for students to meet the school
28 district's standards or benchmarks as provided in
29 paragraphs "a" and "b" which shall include but not be
30 limited to supplemental educational services such as
31 tutoring that may be offered before and after school
32 or during the summer and that may be provided by
33 private service providers.

34 3. If a student in kindergarten through grade
35 eight does not meet the grade level core course
36 standards or benchmarks established by the school
37 district as provided in this section, the school
38 district shall develop a plan for supplemental
39 strategies or supplemental educational services, and
40 for measuring student progress, in consultation with
41 the student's parent or guardian.

42 4. The decision of whether or not to advance a
43 student to the next grade level shall be made at the
44 sole discretion of the board of directors of the
45 school district.

46 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 279.64 SUPPLEMENTAL
47 STRATEGIES AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM.

48 1. If money is appropriated for this purpose, a
49 supplemental strategies and educational services grant
50 program is established to be administered by the

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1 department of education to award grants to school
2 districts for purposes of providing supplemental
3 strategies and educational services to students who do
4 not meet the grade level standards or benchmarks
5 established by the school district for English-
6 language arts, social studies, mathematics, and
7 science.

8 2. The department shall develop the criteria and a
9 process for awarding supplemental strategies and
10 educational services grants to school districts."

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