

House File 270 - Introduced

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(COMPANION TO SF 161 BY
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for additional weighting for eligible students
2 identified as limited English proficient who are enrolled in
3 the statewide preschool program for four-year-old children.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256C.5, subsection 1, Code 2015, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *Od.* "*Preschool budget weighted enrollment*"
4 means the sum of the preschool budget enrollment plus the
5 supplementary weighting received under section 280.4,
6 subsection 4.

7 Sec. 2. Section 256C.5, subsection 1, paragraph d, Code
8 2015, is amended to read as follows:

9 *d.* "*Preschool foundation aid*" means the product of the
10 regular program state cost per pupil for the budget year
11 multiplied by the school district's preschool budget weighted
12 enrollment.

13 Sec. 3. Section 280.4, subsection 3, paragraph b, Code 2015,
14 is amended to read as follows:

15 *b.* For students enrolled in kindergarten through grade
16 twelve who are first determined to be limited English
17 proficient for a budget year beginning on or after July 1,
18 2010, the additional weighting provided under paragraph "a"
19 shall be included in the weighted enrollment of the school
20 district of residence for a cumulative period of time not
21 exceeding five years beginning with the budget year for
22 which the student was first determined to be limited English
23 proficient. The five years of eligibility for the additional
24 weighting need not be consecutive, does not include additional
25 weighting received for all or part of a year under subsection
26 4, and a student's eligibility for the additional weighting is
27 transferable to another district of residence.

28 Sec. 4. Section 280.4, Code 2015, is amended by adding the
29 following new subsection:

30 NEW SUBSECTION. 4. For a budget year beginning on or after
31 July 1, 2015, in order to provide funds for the excess costs of
32 instruction of limited English proficient students, eligible
33 students, as defined in section 256C.5, who are enrolled in
34 the statewide preschool program under chapter 256C and who
35 have been identified as limited English proficient shall be

1 assigned an additional weighting of eleven hundredths, and that
2 weighting shall be included in the preschool budget weighted
3 enrollment, as defined in section 256C.5, of the school
4 district of residence for the period of time the child is an
5 eligible student as defined in section 256C.5.

6 EXPLANATION

7 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
8 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

9 This bill provides for additional weighting of eleven
10 hundredths for students who are enrolled in the statewide
11 preschool program for four-year-old children if they are
12 identified as limited English proficient.

13 The bill provides that the additional weighting shall be
14 included in the preschool budget weighted enrollment, as
15 defined in the bill, of the school district of residence for
16 the budget year for which the eligible student was determined
17 to be limited English proficient. The five years of limited
18 English proficiency weighting received under current law for
19 students in kindergarten through grade 12 does not include the
20 year of limited English proficiency weighting received for an
21 eligible student enrolled in the statewide preschool program
22 for four-year-old children.