

House File 554 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 16)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to eligibility to receive funding under the
2 beginning teacher mentoring and induction program.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 284.5, subsection 2, Code 2015, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. a. Each Except as provided in paragraph "b", each school
4 district and area education agency shall provide a beginning
5 teacher mentoring and induction program for all teachers who
6 are beginning teachers, and notwithstanding section 284.4,
7 subsection 1, a school district and an area education agency
8 shall be eligible to receive moneys under section 284.13,
9 subsection 1, paragraph "b", for purposes of implementing a
10 beginning teacher mentoring and induction program in accordance
11 with this section.

12 b. If a school district receives teacher leadership
13 supplemental aid payments pursuant to section 257.10,
14 subsection 12, or section 284.13, subsection 1, paragraph "e",
15 for purposes of implementing a framework or comparable system
16 approved pursuant to section 284.15, subsection 6, the school
17 district is ineligible to receive funds under section 284.13,
18 subsection 1, paragraph "b", for purposes of implementing a
19 beginning teacher mentoring and induction program plan.

20 Sec. 2. Section 284.13, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code
21 2015, is amended to read as follows:

22 b. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 2015, and
23 ending June 30, 2015 2016, an amount up to four one million
24 twenty-one six hundred seventy-three thousand eight one hundred
25 seventy-five dollars for first-year and second-year beginning
26 teachers, to the department of education for distribution to
27 school districts and area education agencies for purposes of
28 the beginning teacher mentoring and induction programs as
29 provided in section 284.5. A school district or area education
30 agency shall receive one thousand three hundred dollars per
31 beginning teacher participating in the program. If the funds
32 appropriated for the program are insufficient to pay mentors,
33 school districts, and area education agencies as provided
34 in this paragraph, the department shall prorate the amount
35 distributed to school districts and area education agencies

1 based upon the amount appropriated. Moneys received by a
2 school district or area education agency pursuant to this
3 paragraph shall be expended to provide each mentor with an
4 award of five hundred dollars per semester, at a minimum,
5 for participation in the school district's or area education
6 agency's beginning teacher mentoring and induction program;
7 to implement the plan; and to pay any applicable costs of the
8 employer's share of contributions to federal social security
9 and the Iowa public employees' retirement system or a pension
10 and annuity retirement system established under chapter 294,
11 for such amounts paid by the district or area education agency.

12 EXPLANATION

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

15 This bill provides that a school district is ineligible
16 to receive moneys allocated under the student achievement
17 and teacher quality program for purposes of implementing a
18 beginning teacher mentoring and induction program plan if that
19 school district receives teacher leadership supplemental aid
20 payments for implementing the career paths, leadership roles,
21 and compensation framework or a comparable system approved
22 by the department of education. The bill also updates the
23 Iowa Code provision that provides for the allocation of moneys
24 for purposes of the beginning teacher mentoring and induction
25 program for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.