

Senate File 247 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1099)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a low-income program supplement for school
2 districts to provide programs serving low-income pupils.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 257.1, subsection 2, paragraph b, Code
2 2015, is amended to read as follows:

3 b. For the budget year commencing July 1, 1999, and for each
4 succeeding budget year the regular program foundation base per
5 pupil is eighty-seven and five-tenths percent of the regular
6 program state cost per pupil. For the budget year commencing
7 July 1, 1991, and for each succeeding budget year the special
8 education support services foundation base is seventy-nine
9 percent of the special education support services state cost
10 per pupil. The combined foundation base is the sum of the
11 regular program foundation base, the special education support
12 services foundation base, the total teacher salary supplement
13 district cost, the total professional development supplement
14 district cost, the total early intervention supplement district
15 cost, the total teacher leadership supplement district cost,
16 the total area education agency teacher salary supplement
17 district cost, ~~and~~ the total area education agency professional
18 development supplement district cost, and the low-income
19 program supplement.

20 Sec. 2. Section 257.1, subsection 3, Code 2015, is amended
21 to read as follows:

22 3. *Computations rounded.* In making computations and
23 payments under this chapter, except in the case of computations
24 relating to funding of special education support services,
25 media services, and educational services provided through the
26 area education agencies, and the teacher salary supplement, the
27 professional development supplement, the early intervention
28 supplement, ~~and~~ the teacher leadership supplement, and the
29 low-income program supplement, the department of management
30 shall round amounts to the nearest whole dollar.

31 Sec. 3. Section 257.4, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code 2015,
32 is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

33 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (10) The amount of the low-income program
34 supplement to be received by the school district under section
35 257.10A.

1 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 257.10A Low-income program supplement.

2 1. In order to provide additional funding to school
3 districts for programs serving low-income pupils, each district
4 shall receive for each budget year beginning on or after July
5 1, 2017, a low-income program supplement as calculated under
6 subsection 2.

7 2. Each school district's low-income program supplement
8 shall be an amount equal to the number of pupils in the school
9 district, as reported by the school district on the basic
10 educational data survey for the base year, who are eligible for
11 free and reduced price meals under the federal National School
12 Lunch Act and the federal Child Nutrition Act of 1966, 42
13 U.S.C. §1751-1785, multiplied by four hundredths of the regular
14 program state cost per pupil for the budget year.

15 3. Amounts received under this section shall be utilized
16 by a school district to develop or maintain programs for
17 low-income pupils, including but not limited to before and
18 after school educational programs, summer education programs,
19 individual instructional assistance programs, tutoring and
20 mentoring programs, programs to reduce or waive student fees
21 required as part of the school district's educational program,
22 or other programs or assistance approved by the department.

23 4. For purposes of this section, "*low-income pupils*" means
24 pupils who are eligible for free and reduced price meals under
25 the federal National School Lunch Act and the federal Child
26 Nutrition Act of 1966, 42 U.S.C. §1751-1785.

27 5. Providing programs under this subsection for low-income
28 pupils shall not restrict a school district from offering
29 participation in those programs by pupils who are not
30 low-income pupils, using other funds and resources available to
31 the school district for such purposes.

32 Sec. 5. Section 257.16, subsection 4, Code 2015, is amended
33 to read as follows:

34 4. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, if
35 the governor orders budget reductions in accordance with

1 section 8.31, the teacher salary supplement district cost,
2 the professional development supplement district cost, the
3 early intervention supplement district cost, and the teacher
4 leadership supplement district cost as calculated under
5 section 257.10, subsections 9, 10, 11, and 12, ~~and~~ the area
6 education agency teacher salary supplement district cost and
7 the area education agency professional development supplement
8 district cost as calculated under section 257.37A, subsections
9 1 and 2, and the low-income program supplement as calculated
10 under section 257.10A shall be paid in full as calculated and
11 the reductions in the appropriations provided in accordance
12 with this section shall be reduced from the remaining moneys
13 appropriated pursuant to this section and shall be distributed
14 on a per pupil basis calculated with the weighted enrollment
15 determined in accordance with section 257.6, subsection 5.

16 EXPLANATION

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

19 This bill provides additional funding to school districts
20 for programs serving low-income pupils, as defined in the bill.

21 Under the bill, each district receives for each budget
22 year beginning on or after July 1, 2017, a low-income program
23 supplement. Each school district's low-income program
24 supplement is an amount equal to the number of pupils in the
25 school district who are eligible for free and reduced price
26 meals multiplied by four hundredths of the regular program
27 state cost per pupil for the budget year.

28 Amounts received by a school district under the bill must be
29 utilized by a school district to develop or maintain programs
30 for low-income pupils, including but not limited to before and
31 after school educational programs, summer education programs,
32 individual instructional assistance programs, tutoring and
33 mentoring programs, programs to reduce or waive student fees
34 required as part of the school district's educational program,
35 or other programs or assistance approved by the department.

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1 The amount of the low-income program supplement is included
2 within the combined foundation base and is paid to each school
3 district as part of the state foundation aid.

4 The bill specifies that providing programs for low-income
5 pupils does not restrict a school district from offering
6 participation in those programs to pupils who are not
7 low-income pupils, using other funds available to the school
8 district.