

**Senate File 295 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE 295  
BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 161)

**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 equivalent to one-half of the  
2 additional weighting specified in subsection 3, paragraph "a",  
3 and that weighting shall be included in the preschool budget  
4 weighted enrollment, as defined in section 256C.5, of the  
5 school district of residence for the period of time the child  
6 is an eligible student as defined in section 256C.5.

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EXPLANATION

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

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

14       The bill provides that the additional weighting shall be  
15 equivalent to one-half the amount assigned to students in  
16 kindergarten through grade 12 (K-12) who are identified as  
17 limited English proficient. Currently, such K-12 students  
18 are assigned additional weighting of twenty-two hundredths.  
19 The additional weighting shall be included in the preschool  
20 budget weighted enrollment, as defined in the bill, of the  
21 school district of residence for the budget year for which  
22 the eligible student is determined to be limited English  
23 proficient. The five years of limited English proficiency  
24 weighting received under current law for students in K-12 does  
25 not include the year of limited English proficiency weighting  
26 received for an eligible student enrolled in the statewide  
27 preschool program for four-year-old children.