

Senate File 472 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 245)
(SUCCESSOR TO SF 77)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act modifying the supplementary weighting for limited
2 English proficient students and including effective date and
3 applicability provisions.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 257.31, subsection 5, paragraph j, Code
2 2015, is amended to read as follows:

3 *j.* Unusual need to continue providing a program or other
4 special assistance to non-English speaking pupils after the
5 expiration of the ~~five-year~~ period of years specified in
6 section 280.4.

7 Sec. 2. Section 280.4, subsection 3, Code 2015, is amended
8 to read as follows:

9 3. *a.* In order to provide funds for the excess costs of
10 instruction of limited English proficient students specified
11 in paragraph "b" above the costs of instruction of pupils in
12 a regular curriculum, students identified as limited English
13 proficient shall be assigned an additional weighting of
14 ~~twenty-two hundredths~~ three-tenths, and that weighting shall be
15 included in the weighted enrollment of the school district of
16 residence for a period not exceeding ~~five~~ the period of years
17 specified in paragraph "b". However, the school budget review
18 committee may grant supplemental aid or a modified supplemental
19 amount to a school district to continue funding a program for
20 students after the expiration of the ~~five-year~~ specified period
21 of years.

22 *b.* (1) For students first determined to be limited English
23 proficient for a budget year beginning on or after July
24 1, 2010, but before July 1, 2015, the additional weighting
25 provided under paragraph "a" shall be included in the weighted
26 enrollment of the school district of residence for a cumulative
27 period of time not exceeding five years beginning with the
28 budget year for which the student was first determined to be
29 limited English proficient. The five years of eligibility
30 for the additional weighting need not be consecutive and
31 a student's eligibility for the additional weighting is
32 transferable to another district of residence.

33 (2) For students first determined to be limited English
34 proficient for the budget year beginning on July 1, 2015, the
35 additional weighting provided under paragraph "a" shall be

1 included in the weighted enrollment of the school district of
2 residence for a period not exceeding six years beginning with
3 the budget year for which the student was first determined to
4 be limited English proficient.

5 (3) For students first determined to be limited English
6 proficient for a budget year beginning on or after July 1,
7 2016, the additional weighting provided under paragraph "a"
8 shall be included in the weighted enrollment of the school
9 district of residence for a period not exceeding seven years
10 beginning with the budget year for which the student was first
11 determined to be limited English proficient.

12 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of
13 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

14 Sec. 4. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to school budget
15 years beginning on or after July 1, 2015.

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 relates to limited English proficient education
20 by modifying the supplementary weighting for limited English
21 proficient students.

22 Current Code section 280.4 provides supplementary weighting
23 for the excess costs of instruction of limited English
24 proficient students. The current amount of the supplementary
25 weighting for students identified as limited English proficient
26 is 0.22 per student. The weighting is provided for those
27 students first determined to be limited English proficient for
28 a budget year beginning on or after July 1, 2010, and may be
29 included in the weighted enrollment of the school district for
30 a period not exceeding five years.

31 The bill increases the amount of the supplementary weighting
32 for those students identified as limited English proficient to
33 0.30 per student.

34 The bill also specifies the number of years during which the
35 additional weighting may be included in the school district's

1 weighted enrollment. For students first determined to be
2 limited English proficient for a budget year beginning on or
3 after July 1, 2010, but before July 1, 2015, the additional
4 weighting may be included for a period not exceeding five
5 years. For students first determined to be limited English
6 proficient for the budget year beginning on July 1, 2015, the
7 additional weighting may be included for a period not exceeding
8 six years. For students first determined to be limited English
9 proficient for a budget year beginning on or after July 1,
10 2016, the additional weighting may be included for a period not
11 exceeding seven years.

12 The bill takes effect upon enactment and applies to school
13 budget years beginning on or after July 1, 2015.