

House Amendment 3019

Amendment Text

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1 1 Amend [House File 120](#) as follows:
1 2 #1. By striking everything after the enacting
1 3 clause and inserting the following:
1 4 "Section 1. NEW SECTION. 295.1 SCHOOL
1 5 IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.
1 6 The general assembly finds that the fundamental
1 7 unit of educational improvement is the individual
1 8 community school. The general assembly further finds
1 9 that the success of Iowa's educational system has
1 10 resulted from the high degree of responsibility
1 11 provided to local districts with regard to educational
1 12 decisions affecting their students. The purpose of
1 13 this chapter is to provide additional resources for
1 14 improvement at the school level, to provide
1 15 compensation for school instructional staff and school
1 16 service personnel for school improvement efforts, and
1 17 to provide Iowa's students and teachers with access to
1 18 computers and computer technology in their schools.
1 19 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 295.2 DEFINITIONS.
1 20 1. "School level instructional staff" means an
1 21 individual holding a practitioner's license issued
1 22 under chapter 272 by the board of educational
1 23 examiners, who is employed in a nonadministrative
1 24 position by a school district pursuant to a contract
1 25 issued by a board of directors under section 279.13;
1 26 an administrator as defined in section 272.1, who is
1 27 assigned to work at one or more school sites; an
1 28 educational aide as defined under rules of the
1 29 department of education; and an area education agency
1 30 special education staff member assigned to a classroom
1 31 teaching assignment in a school district.
1 32 2. "School" means an attendance center within a
1 33 public school district under section 280.2.
1 34 3. "School service personnel" means a person
1 35 holding a practitioner's license who provides support
1 36 services to a student enrolled in school or to
1 37 practitioners employed by a school.
1 38 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 295.3 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT
1 39 PLAN.
1 40 1. A school district that uses funds for purposes
1 41 described in section 295.4, subsection 3, paragraphs
1 42 "g" through "i", shall develop a plan that shall be
1 43 for a four-year period and may include plans for the
1 44 entire district and individual schools within the
1 45 district. Plans must be developed with involvement
1 46 from school level instructional staff and school
1 47 service personnel, parents, and representatives of the
1 48 school district community, and must set academic goals
1 49 for students as identified in the reports submitted
1 50 pursuant to section 280.18. School-based building
2 1 plans shall be submitted to the board of directors of
2 2 the district no later than May 1 of the preceding
2 3 school year. Plans shall indicate the additional
2 4 instructional or noninstructional duties of school-
2 5 level instructional staff and school service personnel
2 6 performed beyond the regular instructional or
2 7 noninstructional duties for compensation pursuant to

2 8 this section.

2 9 2. The board of directors shall submit, to the
2 10 department of education by June 30 of the preceding
2 11 school year, on a form provided by the department of
2 12 education, assurances that the school improvement plan
2 13 was developed pursuant to subsection 1 and that the
2 14 district will comply with subsection 3 of this
2 15 section.

2 16 3. The board of directors of each school district
2 17 and each school participating in a school improvement
2 18 plan shall report to their respective constituents on
2 19 student progress toward meeting the identified goals
2 20 for their district. The report submitted under this
2 21 subsection may be used to meet the reporting
2 22 requirements of section 280.18 if the provisions of
2 23 this subsection and section 280.18 are met.

2 24 4. Provisions of school improvement plans
2 25 involving compensation shall be consistent with
2 26 current collective bargaining agreements.

2 27 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 295.4 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT
2 28 FUND.

2 29 1. A school improvement fund is created in the
2 30 office of the treasurer of state under the control of
2 31 the department of education. There is appropriated to
2 32 the school improvement fund for the fiscal year
2 33 beginning July 1, 1995, and ending June 30, 1996, the
2 34 sum of fifteen million dollars from the general fund
2 35 of the state. There is appropriated to the school
2 36 improvement fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
2 37 1996, and ending June 30, 1997, the sum of thirty
2 38 million dollars from the general fund of the state.
2 39 There is appropriated to the school improvement fund
2 40 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1997, and ending
2 41 June 30, 1998, the sum of forty-five million dollars
2 42 from the general fund of the state. There is
2 43 appropriated to the school improvement fund for the
2 44 fiscal year beginning July 1, 1998, and ending June
2 45 30, 1999, the sum of sixty million dollars from the
2 46 general fund of the state. Moneys appropriated by the
2 47 general assembly for deposit in the fund shall be paid
2 48 to the school districts, the Iowa braille and sight
2 49 saving school, and the state school for the deaf
2 50 pursuant to the requirements of this chapter.

3 1 2. Notwithstanding section 8.33, any unexpended or
3 2 unencumbered balances in the school improvement fund
3 3 at the end of each fiscal year shall be retained in
3 4 the fund until June 30, 2000. Any unexpended or
3 5 unencumbered balances of moneys received under this
3 6 chapter and remaining in the accounts established by
3 7 the districts, the Iowa braille and sight saving
3 8 school, and the state school for the deaf on June 30,
3 9 1999, shall be deposited in the school improvement
3 10 fund. For the school year beginning July 1, 1999, the
3 11 department of education shall allocate funds on a
3 12 competitive basis to the Iowa braille and sight saving
3 13 school, the state school for the deaf, and school
3 14 districts that submit to the department school
3 15 improvement plans for the purposes described in
3 16 subsection 3. The state board of education shall
3 17 adopt, by July 1, 1998, rules which establish
3 18 guidelines for the approval of plans submitted by
3 19 districts, the Iowa braille and sight saving school,
3 20 and the state school for the deaf for competitive
3 21 grants under this subsection.

3 22 3. Funds in the school improvement fund may be
3 23 used for the following purposes:

3 24 a. To purchase or lease telephone equipment,

3 25 computers, computer networks, computer programs,
3 26 computer software, computer systems, and for computer
3 27 services as defined in section 716A.1.

3 28 b. For maintaining purchases listed under this
3 29 subsection.

3 30 c. For financing for the procurement and
3 31 maintenance costs for Part III of the Iowa
3 32 communications network as provided in section 8D.13,
3 33 subsection 3.

3 34 d. The costs of establishing an electronic
3 35 classroom, or purchasing or leasing satellite
3 36 equipment, receiving equipment, studio and production
3 37 equipment, and other associated equipment.

3 38 e. The costs of purchasing or leasing audio,
3 39 visual, or audiovisual machines, machinery, or
3 40 equipment.

3 41 f. For training or staff development in the use of
3 42 equipment or software purchased or leased under this
3 43 subsection, up to ten percent of the annual allocation
3 44 may be used.

3 45 g. To provide compensation for school level
3 46 instructional staff and school service personnel for
3 47 activities and responsibilities that are part of the
3 48 school improvement plan approved by the district under
3 49 section 295.3, and are in addition to the regular
3 50 activities and duties of the school and instructional
4 1 staff and of the school service personnel; and to pay
4 2 the costs of the employer's share of federal social
4 3 security and the Iowa public employees' retirement
4 4 system, or a pension and annuity retirement system
4 5 established under chapter 294.

4 6 h. To provide for the costs of substitute
4 7 instructional staff to permit the regular
4 8 instructional staff to engage in planning or training
4 9 activities that are part of the school improvement
4 10 plan approved pursuant to section 295.3.

4 11 i. To provide for the costs associated with
4 12 specialized or generalized training that are part of
4 13 the school improvement plan approved pursuant to
4 14 section 295.3.

4 15 4. Moneys in the school improvement fund shall not
4 16 be used for technological support for school
4 17 administrators.

4 18 Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. 295.5 ALLOCATIONS AND
4 19 PAYMENTS.

4 20 1. The amount of moneys allocated from the school
4 21 improvement fund to each school district, the Iowa
4 22 braille and sight saving school, and the state school
4 23 for the deaf for each fiscal year shall be in the
4 24 proportion that the basic enrollment of a district,
4 25 the Iowa braille and sight saving school, or the state
4 26 school for the deaf for the budget year as defined
4 27 under section 257.6 bears to the sum of the basic
4 28 enrollment of the Iowa braille and sight saving
4 29 school, and the state school for the deaf, and of all
4 30 districts in the state for the budget year. The Iowa
4 31 braille and sight saving school and the state school
4 32 for the deaf shall annually certify their basic
4 33 enrollment to the department of education by October
4 34 1.

4 35 2. Commencing with the school year beginning July
4 36 1, 1995, and for each succeeding year until June 30,
4 37 1999, the department of education shall notify the
4 38 department of revenue and finance of the amount of
4 39 school improvement moneys to be paid to each school
4 40 district, the Iowa braille and sight saving school,
4 41 and the state school for the deaf. Payments shall be

4 42 made by the department of revenue and finance on a
4 43 monthly basis commencing on October 15 and ending June
4 44 15 of each fiscal year, taking into account the
4 45 relative budget position and cash position of the
4 46 state resources. The payments shall be separate from
4 47 state aid payments made pursuant to sections 257.16
4 48 and 257.35.

4 49 3. Any moneys received under this chapter, and any
4 50 interest accrued on the moneys, shall not be
5 1 commingled with state aid payments made, under
5 2 sections 257.16 and 257.35, to a school district and
5 3 shall be accounted for by the school district
5 4 separately from state aid payments. A school district
5 5 that uses funds for purposes described in section
5 6 295.4, subsection 3, paragraphs "g" through "i", shall
5 7 allocate moneys to the area education agency staff as
5 8 defined in section 295.2, subsection 1, who are
5 9 participating in the school improvement program. The
5 10 Iowa braille and sight saving school and the state
5 11 school for the deaf shall maintain a separate account
5 12 for moneys received under this chapter and any
5 13 interest accrued on the moneys.

5 14 4. Payments made to school districts under this
5 15 chapter are miscellaneous income for purposes of
5 16 chapter 257. Each district shall maintain a separate
5 17 listing within the district budget for payments
5 18 received and expenditures made pursuant to this
5 19 chapter.

5 20 5. Each school district, the Iowa braille and
5 21 sight saving school, and the state school for the deaf
5 22 shall submit annually to the department by June 30 a
5 23 detailed report accounting for the expenditure of
5 24 moneys received pursuant to this chapter.

5 25 Sec. 6. NEW SECTION. 295.6 REPEAL.

5 26 This chapter is repealed effective July 1, 2000."

5 27 #2. Title page, line 1, by striking the words
5 28 "schools making advances through technology" and
5 29 inserting the following: "school improvement".

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