

Senate Amendment 3367

Amendment Text

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1 1 Amend [House File 334](#), as amended, passed, and
1 2 reprinted by the House, as follows:
1 3 #1. Page 1, by inserting before line 1 the
1 4 following:
1 5 "Section 1. INTERIM POVERTY STUDY. The
1 6 legislative council is requested to authorize an
1 7 interim study to assess the impact of poverty on
1 8 decisionmaking, teaching, learning systems, and on the
1 9 students in Iowa's K-12 public schools, utilizing the
1 10 primary and secondary risk factors specified in 281
1 11 IAC 65(4-5) for identifying the at-risk population of
1 12 a school district or building. The study shall be
1 13 conducted under the leadership of the chairpersons and
1 14 the ranking members of the standing education
1 15 committees of the senate and house of representatives,
1 16 in collaboration with, and with the assistance and
1 17 support of, the department of education, the
1 18 department of human services, the department of
1 19 economic development, and other public and nonpublic
1 20 institutions and agencies deemed appropriate by the
1 21 council. The council is further requested to provide
1 22 funds sufficient for administrative needs and to
1 23 contract for research and support staffing. The study
1 24 committee shall define the conditions of poverty,
1 25 estimate the number of dropouts and the number of
1 26 families and children living in poverty, identify the
1 27 local, state and federal subsidies provided for
1 28 students and their families living in poverty, compare
1 29 the conditions in Iowa with the conditions in other
1 30 states in the midwest relating to poverty and the
1 31 states' responses to the conditions, and establish an
1 32 ongoing procedure to track the impact of poverty on
1 33 education, health conditions, and the job market. The
1 34 study committee shall submit its findings and
1 35 recommendations to the general assembly by January 15,
1 36 1996.

1 37 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 257.50 TRANSPORTATION
1 38 ASSISTANCE AID TO DISTRICTS.

1 39 1. The department shall pay transportation
1 40 assistance aid to a school district from funds as
1 41 provided in this section to school districts whose
1 42 average transportation costs per pupil exceed the
1 43 state average transportation costs per pupil
1 44 determined under subsection 2 by one hundred percent.

1 45 2. A district's average transportation costs per
1 46 pupil shall be determined by dividing the district's
1 47 actual cost for all children transported in all school
1 48 buses for a school year pursuant to section 285.1,
1 49 subsection 12, less the amount received for
1 50 transporting nonpublic school pupils under section
2 1 285.1, by the district's actual enrollment for the
2 2 school year, less the shared-time enrollment for the
2 3 school year, as defined in section 257.6. The state
2 4 average transportation costs per pupil shall be
2 5 determined by dividing the total actual costs for all
2 6 children transported in all districts for a school
2 7 year, by the total of all districts' actual

2 8 enrollments for the school year.
2 9 3. To be eligible for transportation assistance
2 10 aid, a school district shall annually certify its
2 11 actual cost for all children transported in all school
2 12 buses not later than July 31 after each school year on
2 13 forms prescribed by the department of education.

2 14 4. If a school district's average transportation
2 15 costs per pupil exceed the state average
2 16 transportation costs per pupil by one hundred percent,
2 17 the department of education shall pay transportation
2 18 assistance aid equal to the amount of the difference
2 19 multiplied by the district's actual enrollment for the
2 20 school year less the shared-time enrollment for the
2 21 school year as defined in section 257.6.

2 22 5. There is appropriated from the general fund of
2 23 the state to the department of education, for each
2 24 fiscal year, an amount necessary to pay transportation
2 25 assistance aid pursuant to this section.
2 26 Transportation assistance aid is miscellaneous income
2 27 for purposes of chapter 257.

2 28 6. If the general assembly creates an Iowa
2 29 education transportation enhancement fund in the
2 30 office of the treasurer of state, the department shall
2 31 pay transportation assistance aid to a school district
2 32 that meets the requirements of this section from
2 33 moneys credited to the Iowa education transportation
2 34 enhancement fund. If moneys in the fund are
2 35 insufficient for purposes of this subsection, there is
2 36 appropriated from the general fund of the state to the
2 37 department of education, for each fiscal year, an
2 38 amount sufficient to pay the remaining transportation
2 39 assistance aid necessary under this section.
2 40 Transportation assistance aid is miscellaneous income
2 41 for purposes of chapter 257."

2 42 #2. Page 2, by inserting after line 28 the
2 43 following:

2 44 "Sec. _____. Section [285.3](#), Code 1995, is amended by
2 45 striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the
2 46 following:

2 47 285.3 PARENTAL REIMBURSEMENT FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL
2 48 STUDENT TRANSPORTATION.

2 49 1. A parent or legal guardian of a nonpublic
2 50 school student, who furnishes transportation to the
3 1 student pursuant to section 285.1, shall notify the
3 2 resident public school district that the child is
3 3 enrolled and attending an accredited nonpublic school.
3 4 In addition, the parent or legal guardian shall
3 5 provide the name, age, and grade level of the student,
3 6 and the name of the accredited nonpublic school and
3 7 its location. The resident district shall submit
3 8 claims on behalf of a parent or legal guardian of a
3 9 nonpublic school student by February 1 and July 15 of
3 10 each school year unless the parent or legal guardian
3 11 fails to notify the district pursuant to this
3 12 subsection.

3 13 2. A parent or legal guardian of a nonpublic
3 14 school student who furnishes transportation for the
3 15 child pursuant to section 285.1 is entitled to
3 16 reimbursement equal to an amount calculated under the
3 17 provisions of section 285.1, subsection 3. In
3 18 addition, nonpublic school parents or legal guardians
3 19 who transport one or more family members more than
3 20 four miles to their accredited nonpublic schools of
3 21 attendance shall be entitled to one supplemental
3 22 mileage payment per family, per claim period, equal to
3 23 fifteen percent of the parental reimbursement amount,
3 24 rounded to the nearest whole dollar, when calculated

3 25 under the provisions of section 285.1, subsection 3."
3 26 Sec. _____. Section 257.50, subsection 5, as enacted
3 27 by this Act, is amended by striking the subsection
3 28 effective January 1, 1997.
3 29 Sec. _____. Section 257.50, subsection 6, as enacted
3 30 by this Act, takes effect January 1, 1997".
3 31 #3. Title page, line 2, by inserting after the
3 32 word "districts" the following: ", transportation
3 33 assistance aid to a school district, requesting an
3 34 interim poverty study, and making an appropriation".
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3 38 COMMITTEE ON [EDUCATION](#)
3 39 MIKE CONNOLLY, Chairperson
3 40 [HF 334](#).301 76
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