

Senate File 451

H-8339

1 Amend Senate File 451, as amended, passed, and  
2 reprinted by the Senate, as follows:

3 1. By striking everything after the enacting clause  
4 and inserting:

5 <Section 1. Section 257.41, Code 2011, is amended  
6 to read as follows:

7 **257.41 Funding for programs for returning dropouts  
8 and dropout prevention.**

9 1. Budget. The budget of an approved program for  
10 returning dropouts and dropout prevention for a school  
11 district, after subtracting funds received from other  
12 sources for that purpose, shall be funded annually on  
13 a basis of one-fourth or more from the district cost  
14 of the school district and up to three-fourths by an  
15 increase in allowable growth as defined in section  
16 257.8. Annually, the department of management shall  
17 establish a modified allowable growth for each such  
18 school district equal to the difference between the  
19 approved budget for the program for returning dropouts  
20 and dropout prevention for that district and the sum of  
21 the amount funded from the district cost of the school  
22 district plus funds received from other sources.

23 2. Appropriate uses of funding. Appropriate uses of  
24 the returning dropout and dropout prevention program  
25 funding include but are not limited to the following:

26 a. Salary and benefits for instructional staff,  
27 instructional support staff, and school-based youth  
28 services staff who are working with students who  
29 are participating in dropout prevention programs,  
30 alternative programs, and alternative schools, in  
31 a traditional or alternative setting, if the staff  
32 person's time is dedicated to working with returning  
33 dropouts or students who are deemed, at any time  
34 during the school year, to be at risk of dropping out,  
35 in order to provide services beyond those which are  
36 provided by the school district to students who are  
37 not identified as at risk of dropping out. However,  
38 if the staff person works part-time with students who  
39 are participating in returning dropout and dropout  
40 prevention programs, alternative programs, and  
41 alternative schools and has another unrelated staff  
42 assignment, only the portion of the staff person's  
43 time that is related to the returning dropout and  
44 dropout prevention program, alternative program, or  
45 alternative school may be charged to the program. For  
46 purposes of this paragraph, if an alternative setting  
47 is necessary to provide for a program which is offered  
48 at a location off school grounds and which is intended  
49 to serve student needs by improving relationships  
50 and connections to school, decreasing truancy and

1 tardiness, providing opportunities for course credit  
2 recovery, or helping students identified as at risk  
3 of dropping out to accelerate through multiple grade  
4 levels of achievement within a shortened time frame,  
5 the tuition costs for a student identified as at risk  
6 of dropping out shall be considered an appropriate use  
7 of the returning dropout and dropout prevention program  
8 funding.

9 b. Professional development for all teachers and  
10 staff working with at-risk students and programs  
11 involving dropout prevention strategies.

12 c. Research-based resources, materials, software,  
13 supplies, and purchased services that meet all of the  
14 following criteria:

15 (1) Meets the needs of kindergarten through grade  
16 twelve students identified as at risk of dropping out  
17 and of returning dropouts.

18 (2) Are beyond those provided by the regular school  
19 program.

20 (3) Are necessary to provide the services listed in  
21 the school district's dropout prevention plan.

22 (4) Will remain with the kindergarten through  
23 grade twelve returning dropout and dropout prevention  
24 program.

25 d. Up to five percent of the total budgeted amount  
26 received pursuant to subsection 1 may be used for  
27 purposes of providing district-wide or building-wide  
28 returning dropout and dropout prevention programming  
29 targeted to students who are not deemed at risk of  
30 dropping out.

31 3. Limitation.

32 a. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, and  
33 each succeeding fiscal year, the ratio of the amount of  
34 modified allowable growth established by the department  
35 of management compared to the school district's total  
36 regular program district cost shall not exceed such  
37 ratio for the school district for the fiscal year  
38 beginning July 1, 2011.

39 b. Notwithstanding paragraph "a", if a school  
40 district's ratio, as described in paragraph "a", for  
41 any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2010,  
42 but before July 1, 2013, is less than two and one-half  
43 percent, the school district's ratio, for fiscal years  
44 beginning on or after July 1, 2013, may be an amount  
45 not to exceed two and one-half percent.

46 Sec. 2. APPLICABILITY. This Act is applicable to  
47 budget years beginning on or after July 1, 2013.>

48 2. Title page, line 3, after <prevention> by  
49 inserting <and including applicability provisions>

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