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1 Amend House File 658 as follows:

2 1. Page 49, after line 29 by inserting:

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WORLD LANGUAGE EDUCATION PILOT PROGRAM

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Sec. ____ . NEW SECTION. 256.34 World language

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education pilot program — report — appropriation.

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1. The department shall establish a world language

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education pilot program to enhance foreign language

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education in Iowa elementary schools. The pilot

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program shall provide for research-based foreign

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language instruction of students beginning in

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kindergarten and continuing through grade five. The

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pilot program shall provide for yearly assessments

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of student progress in the development of foreign

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language skills. The department shall establish

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program evaluation criteria, including but not limited

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to improvement in student grades and reading, writing,

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and cultural competency skills.

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2. The department shall establish the pilot program

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in two elementary schools in school districts with

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enrollment less than three thousand students and two

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elementary schools in school districts with enrollment

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greater than three thousand students. The department

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shall limit participation in the pilot program to

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schools in which at least ninety percent of enrolled

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students are eligible for free or reduced price

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meals under the federal National School Lunch Act and

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the federal Child Nutrition Act of 1966, 42 U.S.C.

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§§1751-1785. The department shall give preference in

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the selection of schools to participate in the pilot

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program to schools in which a significant percentage

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of enrolled students are limited English proficient as

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defined in section 280.4, subsection 1, or in which

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enrolled students have a language background in a

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significant number of languages other than English.

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3. Each elementary school participating in the

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pilot program shall enter into a chapter 28E agreement

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with a regents institution to assist in the development

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of instruction, coursework, assessments, and any other

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resources necessary to carry out the pilot program.

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4. The department shall submit a biennial report to

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the general assembly beginning December 30, 2016, on

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the department's findings and recommendations regarding

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the pilot program and foreign language education in

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this state.

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5. There is appropriated from the general fund of

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the state to the department of education for each of

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the fiscal years in the period beginning July 1, 2015,

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and ending June 30, 2021, two hundred eighty thousand

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dollars for the pilot program. There is appropriated

1 from the general fund of the state to the department
2 of education for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
3 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, one hundred thousand
4 dollars for administrative costs associated with the
5 implementation of the pilot program.>
6 2. By renumbering as necessary.

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