

Senate File 2482

S-5237

1 Amend Senate File 2482 as follows:

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

4 <DIVISION I

5 FY 2026-2027 APPROPRIATIONS — DEPARTMENT FOR THE BLIND

6 Section 1. GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS —

7 ADMINISTRATION. There is appropriated from the general
8 fund of the state to the department for the blind for the
9 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027,
10 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
11 used for the purposes designated:

12 For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous
13 purposes, and for not more than the following full-time
14 equivalent positions:

15 \$ 3,207,190
16 FTEs 103.74

17 DIVISION II

18 FY 2026-2027 APPROPRIATIONS — DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

19 Sec. 2. GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS. There is appropriated
20 from the general fund of the state to the department of
21 education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and
22 ending June 30, 2027, the following amounts, or so much thereof
23 as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

24 1. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

25 For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous
26 purposes, and for not more than the following full-time
27 equivalent positions:

28 \$ 7,073,808
29 FTEs 71.87

30 2. CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION

31 For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous
32 purposes, and for not more than the following full-time
33 equivalent positions:

34 \$ 721,779
35 FTEs 10.80

1 3. PUBLIC BROADCASTING DIVISION

2 For salaries, support, maintenance, capital expenditures,
3 and miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the following
4 full-time equivalent positions:

5 \$ 8,165,236
6 FTEs 53.20

7 4. CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

8 For reimbursement for career and technical education
9 expenditures made by regional career and technical education
10 planning partnerships in accordance with section 256.136:

11 \$ 2,952,459

12 5. SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE

13 a. For use as state matching moneys for federal programs
14 that shall be disbursed according to federal regulations,
15 including salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous
16 purposes, and for not more than the following full-time
17 equivalent positions:

18 \$ 2,253,055
19 FTEs 27.83

20 b. From the moneys appropriated in this subsection, \$76,258
21 shall be allocated to the administrative costs associated with
22 participation in the federal summer electronic benefit transfer
23 program.

24 6. BIRTH TO AGE THREE SERVICES

25 a. For expansion of the federal Individuals with
26 Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004, Pub. L. No.
27 108-446, as amended to January 1, 2018, birth through age three
28 services due to increased numbers of children qualifying for
29 those services:

30 \$ 1,721,400

31 b. From the moneys appropriated in this subsection,
32 \$383,769 shall be allocated to the child health specialty
33 clinics administered by the state university of Iowa in order
34 to provide additional support for infants and toddlers who are
35 born prematurely, drug-exposed, or medically fragile.

1 \$ 300,000

2 11. POSTSECONDARY SUMMER CLASSES FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
3 PROGRAM

4 For support costs associated with the creation of a program
5 to provide additional moneys for resident high school pupils
6 enrolled in grades 9 through 12 to attend a community college
7 for college-level classes or attend a class taught by a
8 community college-employed instructor during the summer and
9 outside of the regular school year through a contractual
10 agreement between a community college and a school district:

11 \$ 600,000

12 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys received by the
13 department pursuant to this subsection that remain unencumbered
14 or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert
15 but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes
16 specified in this subsection until the close of the succeeding
17 fiscal year.

18 12. JOBS FOR AMERICA'S GRADUATES

19 For school districts to reinforce collaborative efforts and
20 regional initiatives that accelerate work-based learning and
21 credential attainment, and to provide direct career education
22 services to identified middle school or high school students
23 enrolled in school districts through direct instruction by a
24 jobs for America's graduates specialist:

25 \$ 9,946,450

26 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys received by the
27 department pursuant to this subsection that remain unencumbered
28 or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert
29 but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes
30 specified in this subsection until the close of the succeeding
31 fiscal year.

32 13. ATTENDANCE CENTER PERFORMANCE/GENERAL INTERNET SITE AND
33 DATA SYSTEM SUPPORT

34 For administration of a process for school districts to
35 establish specific performance goals and to evaluate the

1 performance of each attendance center operated by the district
2 in order to arrive at an overall school performance grade and
3 report card for each attendance center, for internet site
4 and data system support, and for not more than the following
5 full-time equivalent positions:

6 \$ 250,000
7 FTEs 1.60

8 14. SUCCESSFUL PROGRESSION FOR EARLY READERS

9 For distribution to school districts for implementation
10 of [section 279.68, subsection 2](#), relating to successful
11 progression for early readers:

12 \$ 7,824,782

13 15. EARLY WARNING SYSTEM FOR LITERACY

14 a. For purposes of purchasing a statewide license for an
15 early warning assessment and administering the early warning
16 system for literacy established in accordance with section
17 279.68 and rules adopted in accordance with section 256.7,
18 subsection 31:

19 \$ 1,915,000

20 b. The department shall administer and distribute to school
21 districts and accredited nonpublic schools the early warning
22 assessment system that allows teachers to screen and monitor
23 student literacy skills from prekindergarten through grade
24 six. The department may charge school districts and accredited
25 nonpublic schools a fee for the system not to exceed the actual
26 costs to purchase a statewide license for the early warning
27 assessment minus the moneys received by the department under
28 this subsection. The fee shall be determined by dividing the
29 actual remaining costs to purchase the statewide license for
30 the school year by the number of pupils assessed under the
31 system in the current fiscal year. School districts may use
32 moneys received pursuant to [section 257.10, subsection 11](#), and
33 moneys received for purposes of implementing section 279.68,
34 subsection 2, to pay the early warning assessment system fee.

35 16. IOWA READING RESEARCH CENTER

1 a. For purposes of the Iowa reading research center in
2 order to implement, in collaboration with the area education
3 agencies, the provisions of [section 256.9, subsection 49](#),
4 paragraph "c":

5 \$ 1,500,000

6 b. From moneys appropriated in this subsection, not more
7 than \$250,000 shall be used for collaborations with the state
8 board of education relating to the approval of practitioner
9 preparation programs pursuant to [section 256.7, subsection 3](#),
10 paragraph "c", and with the board of educational examiners for
11 the establishment and continuing oversight of the advanced
12 dyslexia specialist endorsement pursuant to [section 256.146,](#)
13 [subsection 21](#). For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and
14 ending June 30, 2027, the center shall submit a report to the
15 general assembly detailing the expenditures of moneys used for
16 purposes of this paragraph "b".

17 c. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys received by the
18 department pursuant to this subsection that remain unencumbered
19 or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert
20 but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes
21 specified in this subsection until the close of the succeeding
22 fiscal year.

23 17. COMPUTER SCIENCE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE
24 FUND

25 For deposit in the computer science professional development
26 incentive fund established in [section 284.6A](#):

27 \$ 500,000

28 18. CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH SCHOOL-BASED TRAINING AND
29 SUPPORT

30 a. For distribution to area education agencies for
31 school-based children's mental health services, including
32 mental health awareness training for educators:

33 \$ 1,899,682

34 b. Of the moneys appropriated in this subsection for
35 distribution to area education agencies, \$200,000 shall be

1 used for purposes of implementing a children's grief and
2 loss rural program to serve Iowa children in rural school
3 districts or accredited nonpublic schools. The program shall
4 be administered by, and the moneys allocated pursuant to this
5 paragraph shall be distributed to, an existing statewide
6 not-for-profit health care organization that currently provides
7 grief and loss services to children. For the fiscal year
8 beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the health
9 care organization receiving moneys pursuant to this paragraph
10 shall prepare a report, in collaboration with the department
11 of education, detailing the expenditures of moneys used for
12 the purposes of this program and its outcomes, which shall be
13 submitted to the general assembly by September 30, 2027.

14 19. BEST BUDDIES IOWA

15 a. For school districts to create opportunities for
16 one-to-one friendships, integrated employment, and leadership
17 development for students with intellectual and developmental
18 disabilities:

19 \$ 35,000

20 b. The department of education shall establish criteria for
21 the distribution of moneys appropriated under this subsection
22 and shall require an organization receiving moneys under this
23 subsection to annually report student identifying data for
24 students participating in the program to the department in the
25 manner prescribed by the department as a condition of receiving
26 such moneys.

27 20. MIDWESTERN HIGHER EDUCATION COMPACT

28 For distribution to the midwestern higher education compact
29 to pay Iowa's member state annual obligation:

30 \$ 118,450

31 Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated pursuant
32 to this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at
33 the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
34 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the
35 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

1 21. NONPUBLIC SCHOOL CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT PAYMENTS TO
2 COMMUNITY COLLEGES

3 For payments to community colleges for the concurrent
4 enrollment of accredited nonpublic school students under
5 section 261E.8, subsection 2, paragraph "b":

6 \$ 1,000,000

7 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys received by the
8 department pursuant to this subsection that remain unencumbered
9 or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert
10 but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes
11 designated until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

12 22. COMMUNITY COLLEGES

13 For general state financial aid to merged areas, as defined
14 in section 260C.2, in accordance with section 260C.18C:

15 \$246,858,161

16 23. IOWA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

17 For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous
18 purposes, and for not more than the following full-time
19 equivalent positions:

20 \$ 12,813,313

21 FTEs 132.00

22 24. IOWA EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY
23 IMPAIRED PROGRAM

24 For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous
25 purposes, and for not more than the following full-time
26 equivalent positions:

27 \$ 5,112,412

28 FTEs 68.72

29 25. SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS
30 (STEM) COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVE

31 For purposes of the science, technology, engineering, and
32 mathematics (STEM) collaborative initiative established in
33 section 256.1111, and for not more than the following full-time
34 equivalent positions:

35 \$ 6,310,409

1 FTEs 7.00

2 a. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the
3 moneys appropriated in this subsection shall be expended for
4 salaries, staffing, institutional support, activities directly
5 related to recruitment of kindergarten through grade 12
6 mathematics and science teachers, and for ongoing mathematics
7 and science programming for students enrolled in kindergarten
8 through grade 12.

9 b. From the moneys appropriated in this subsection, not less
10 than \$500,000 shall be used to provide, or support access to,
11 all of the following:

12 (1) Technology and emerging technology education
13 opportunities, including but not limited to artificial
14 intelligence, computer science, data science, and related
15 fields, to high school students and career academy students.

16 (2) Opportunities for students and instructional staff to
17 obtain industry-recognized credentials, certifications, or
18 other validated competencies.

19 (3) Research-based or evidence-informed instructional
20 content and learning frameworks.

21 (4) Online or hybrid access to instructional content.

22 (5) Instructional software, platforms, tools, or resources
23 for classroom and student use.

24 (6) Validation, certification, or credentialing of skills
25 and competencies across a broad range of technology-related and
26 artificial intelligence-related disciplines.

27 (7) Professional development, training, or
28 capacity-building opportunities for teachers and instructional
29 staff.

30 (8) Deployment, implementation, and programmatic support,
31 including but not limited to alignment or integration with
32 applicable academic standards or workforce needs.

33 c. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys received by the
34 department pursuant to this subsection that remain unencumbered
35 or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert

1 but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes
2 designated until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

3 26. THERAPEUTIC CLASSROOM INCENTIVE FUND

4 For deposit in the therapeutic classroom incentive fund
5 established in [section 256.25](#):

6 \$ 2,351,382

7 27. ONLINE STATE JOB POSTING SYSTEM

8 For purposes of administering an online state job posting
9 system that allows the department of education, school
10 districts, charter schools, area education agencies, and
11 accredited nonpublic schools to post job openings on an
12 internet site:

13 \$ 265,000

14 28. LEAD-K PROGRAM

15 For purposes of maintaining and implementing the program
16 established pursuant to section 256.106, including ensuring
17 statewide consistency in guidance and supports related to
18 language and communication outcomes for children who are deaf
19 or hard of hearing:

20 \$ 200,000

21 29. DIVISION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

22 For general supervision, oversight, compliance, employee
23 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes
24 within the area education agency regions and the department
25 of education main office, and for not more than the following
26 full-time equivalent positions:

27 \$ 10,000,000

28 FTEs 60.00

29 30. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

30 For purposes of providing required professional development
31 to public and nonpublic schools:

32 \$ 1,676,458

33 31. COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION

34 a. Administration

35 For general administration salaries, support, maintenance,

1 and miscellaneous purposes, and for the administration of the
2 future ready Iowa skilled workforce last-dollar scholarship
3 program in accordance with section 256.228, including salaries,
4 support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes related to the
5 future ready Iowa skilled workforce last-dollar scholarship
6 program, and for not more than the following full-time
7 equivalent positions:

8 \$ 591,533
9 FTEs 4.95

10 b. National guard service scholarship program
11 For purposes of providing national guard service
12 scholarships under the program established in section 256.210:
13 \$ 6,600,000

14 c. All Iowa opportunity scholarship program
15 (1) For deposit in the all Iowa opportunity scholarship fund
16 created in section 256.212:
17 \$ 3,229,468

18 (2) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, if the
19 moneys appropriated in this lettered paragraph exceed \$500,000,
20 "eligible institution" as defined in section 256.212 shall,
21 during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, include
22 accredited private institutions as defined in section 256.183.

23 d. Teach Iowa scholar program
24 (1) For deposit in the teach Iowa scholar fund established
25 in section 256.218:
26 \$ 1,045,248

27 (2) From the moneys appropriated in this paragraph, \$96,533
28 shall be allocated to grants to eligible applicants under the
29 teach Iowa scholar program who teach in a school district that
30 is located in a city in Iowa with a population of less than
31 twenty-six thousand that is located more than twenty miles from
32 a city with a population of greater than fifty thousand.

33 e. Health care professional incentive program
34 For deposit in the health care professional incentive
35 program fund created in section 256.222:

1 \$ 7,985,911
2 f. Rural veterinarian loan repayment program
3 For deposit in the rural veterinary care trust fund created
4 in section 256.226:
5 \$ 700,000
6 g. Future ready Iowa skilled workforce last-dollar
7 scholarship program
8 For deposit in the future ready Iowa skilled workforce
9 last-dollar scholarship fund created in section 256.228:
10 \$ 23,927,005
11 h. Future ready Iowa skilled workforce grant program
12 For deposit in the future ready Iowa skilled workforce grant
13 fund created in section 256.229:
14 \$ 425,000
15 i. Iowa workforce grant and incentive program
16 For deposit in the Iowa workforce grant and incentive
17 program fund created in section 256.230:
18 \$ 6,500,000
19 j. Court reporter equipment grant program
20 For deposit in the court reporter equipment grant program
21 fund created in section 256.231:
22 \$ 50,000
23 32. ADVANCED DYSLEXIA SPECIALIST ENDORSEMENT
24 For purposes of a grant program that provides grants to
25 teachers licensed by the board of educational examiners to
26 offset the costs associated with obtaining an advanced dyslexia
27 specialist endorsement issued by the board of educational
28 examiners pursuant to section 256.146, subsection 21:
29 \$ 335,000
30 33. SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTRONIC MAIL SECURITY
31 a. For purposes of procuring, implementing, and maintaining
32 on-premises and secure electronic mail gateway appliances
33 that support centralized policy management, automated threat
34 response, and unified threat visibility, and that utilize
35 artificial intelligence-powered security subscriptions and

1 support services to protect school district electronic mail
2 systems from phishing, compromise, malware, and other advanced
3 cyber threats:

4 \$ 500,000

5 b. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in
6 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
7 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
8 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the
9 close of the fiscal year that begins July 1, 2030.

10 Sec. 3. IOWA SKILLED WORKER AND JOB CREATION FUND
11 APPROPRIATIONS. There is appropriated from the Iowa skilled
12 worker and job creation fund created in [section 8.57J](#) to the
13 department of education for the fiscal year beginning July
14 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following amounts, or
15 so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
16 designated:

17 1. For purposes of providing skilled workforce shortage
18 tuition grants in accordance with section 256.227:
19 \$ 5,000,000

20 2. For deposit in the workforce training and economic
21 development funds created pursuant to section 260C.18A:
22 \$ 15,100,000

23 From the moneys appropriated in this subsection, not
24 more than \$100,000 shall be used by the department for
25 administration of the workforce training and economic
26 development funds created pursuant to [section 260C.18A](#).

27 3. a. For capital projects at community colleges that meet
28 the definition of the term "vertical infrastructure" in section
29 8.57, subsection 3, paragraph "c":
30 \$ 6,000,000

31 b. Moneys appropriated in this subsection shall be
32 disbursed pursuant to [section 260G.6, subsection 3](#). Projects
33 that qualify for moneys appropriated in this subsection must
34 include at least one of the following:

35 (1) Accelerated career education program capital projects.

1 (2) Major renovations and major repair needs, including
2 health, life, and fire safety needs, including compliance with
3 the federal Americans with Disabilities Act.

4 c. (1) If the career training physical expansion program
5 fund created in section 84J.3 is enacted by 2026 Iowa Acts,
6 House File 2466, or successor legislation, or by 2026 Iowa
7 Acts, Senate File 2168, or successor legislation, then the
8 department of education shall deposit \$3,500,000 of the moneys
9 appropriated under paragraph "a" into the career training
10 physical expansion program fund.

11 (2) The deposit of moneys described in this paragraph is
12 contingent on the career training physical expansion program
13 fund created in section 84J.3, if enacted by 2026 Iowa Acts,
14 House File 2466, or successor legislation, or by 2026 Iowa
15 Acts, Senate File 2168, or successor legislation, receiving no
16 other moneys for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, in any
17 Act of the general assembly.

18 4. For deposit in the pathways for academic career and
19 employment fund created in [section 260H.2](#):
20 \$ 4,800,000

21 5. For deposit in the gap tuition assistance fund
22 established in [section 260I.2](#):
23 \$ 2,000,000

24 6. For support costs associated with administering a
25 workforce preparation outcome reporting system for the purpose
26 of collecting and reporting data relating to the educational
27 and employment outcomes of workforce preparation programs
28 receiving moneys pursuant to this section:
29 \$ 75,000

30 7. For STEM best:
31 \$ 700,000

32 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in this
33 section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of
34 the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for
35 expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of the

1 succeeding fiscal year.

2 Sec. 4. CHIROPRACTIC LOAN FUNDS. Notwithstanding section
3 256.204, the moneys deposited in the chiropractic loan
4 revolving fund created in section 256.204 for the fiscal year
5 beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, may be used
6 for purposes of the chiropractic loan forgiveness program
7 established in section 256.205.

8 Sec. 5. PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS. The department of
9 administrative services shall pay the Iowa school for the deaf
10 and the Iowa educational services for the blind and visually
11 impaired program the moneys collected from the counties during
12 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, for expenses relating
13 to prescription drug costs for students attending the Iowa
14 school for the deaf and the Iowa educational services for the
15 blind and visually impaired program.

16 DIVISION III

17 FY 2026-2027 APPROPRIATIONS — STATE BOARD OF REGENTS

18 Sec. 6. GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS. There is appropriated
19 from the general fund of the state to the state board of
20 regents for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending
21 June 30, 2027, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is
22 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

23 1. OFFICE OF STATE BOARD OF REGENTS

24 a. For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous
25 purposes, and for not more than the following full-time
26 equivalent positions:

27	\$	764,642
28	FTEs	2.48

29 For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June
30 30, 2027, the state board of regents shall submit a quarterly
31 financial report to the general assembly in a format agreed
32 upon by the state board of regents office and the legislative
33 services agency. The report submitted for the quarter ending
34 December 31, 2026, must include the five-year graduation rates
35 for the regents universities.

1 b. For distribution to the western Iowa regents resource
2 center:
3 \$ 268,297

4 c. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending
5 June 30, 2027, the state board of regents and the institutions
6 of higher learning governed by the state board of regents
7 shall not reduce moneys budgeted for the fiscal year for the
8 institutions' police departments.

9 d. For allocation in equal parts by the state board of
10 regents to the state university of Iowa, the Iowa state
11 university of science and technology, and the university
12 of northern Iowa to support the John Pappajohn centers for
13 entrepreneurship:
14 \$ 125,000

15 The moneys appropriated in this lettered paragraph shall be
16 used to supplement, not supplant, any other funding received by
17 the John Pappajohn centers for entrepreneurship.

18 2. STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

19 a. General university
20 For salaries, support, maintenance, equipment, financial
21 aid, and miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the
22 following full-time equivalent positions:
23 \$223,496,355
24 FTEs 5,058.32

25 b. Oakdale campus
26 For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous
27 purposes, and for not more than the following full-time
28 equivalent positions:
29 \$ 2,103,819
30 FTEs 38.25

31 c. State hygienic laboratory
32 For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous
33 purposes, and for not more than the following full-time
34 equivalent positions:
35 \$ 4,822,610

1 FTEs 102.51

2 d. Family practice program

3 For allocation by the dean of the college of medicine, with

4 approval of the advisory board, to qualified participants

5 to carry out the provisions of [chapter 148D](#) for the family

6 practice residency education program, including salaries

7 and support, and for not more than the following full-time

8 equivalent positions:

9 \$ 2,220,598

10 FTEs 2.71

11 e. Child health care services

12 For specialized child health care services, including

13 childhood cancer diagnostic and treatment network programs,

14 rural comprehensive care for hemophilia patients, and the

15 Iowa high-risk infant follow-up program, including salaries

16 and support, and for not more than the following full-time

17 equivalent positions:

18 \$ 634,502

19 FTEs 4.16

20 f. Statewide cancer registry

21 For the statewide cancer registry, and for not more than the

22 following full-time equivalent positions:

23 \$ 143,410

24 FTEs 2.10

25 g. Substance abuse consortium

26 For distribution to the Iowa consortium for substance abuse

27 research and evaluation, and for not more than the following

28 full-time equivalent positions:

29 \$ 53,427

30 FTEs .99

31 h. Center for biocatalysis

32 For the center for biocatalysis, and for not more than the

33 following full-time equivalent positions:

34 \$ 696,342

35 FTEs 6.28

1 \$ 2,800,000
2 o. Center for intellectual freedom
3 For purposes of supporting the center for intellectual
4 freedom established in section 263C.2:
5 \$ 1,000,000
6 3. IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
7 For salaries, support, maintenance, equipment, financial
8 aid, and miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the
9 following full-time equivalent positions:
10 \$229,864,938
11 FTEs 4,062.34
12 4. UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA
13 a. General university
14 For salaries, support, maintenance, equipment, financial
15 aid, and miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the
16 following full-time equivalent positions:
17 \$101,894,146
18 FTEs 1,250.28
19 b. Real estate education program
20 For purposes of the real estate education program, and for
21 not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:
22 \$ 123,523
23 FTEs .86
24 c. Educators for Iowa
25 For purposes of recruiting additional students to
26 participate in educational opportunities that lead to teacher
27 licensure:
28 \$ 1,500,000
29 d. Center for civic education
30 For purposes of establishing and operating a center for
31 civic education that promotes the values of free speech,
32 civic leadership, public service, and citizenship, and
33 that enhances civic education among students enrolled in
34 colleges and universities in this state, students enrolled
35 in prekindergarten through grade twelve in schools in this

1 state, teachers, and the public by developing and implementing
2 effective civic learning strategies, encouraging respectful
3 dialogue, and offering educational resources related to free
4 speech and civic knowledge:

5 \$ 1,000,000

6 Sec. 7. ENERGY COST-SAVINGS PROJECTS — FINANCING. For
7 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30,
8 2027, the state board of regents may use notes, bonds, or
9 other evidences of indebtedness issued under [section 262.48](#) to
10 finance projects that will result in energy cost savings in an
11 amount that will cause the state board to recover the cost of
12 the projects within an average of six years.

13 DIVISION IV

14 STANDING APPROPRIATIONS

15 Sec. 8. AT-RISK CHILDREN. Notwithstanding the standing
16 appropriation in section 279.51 for the fiscal year beginning
17 July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the amount appropriated
18 from the general fund of the state to the department of
19 education for programs for at-risk children under section
20 279.51 shall not be more than \$10,524,389. The amount of any
21 reduction in this section shall be prorated among the programs
22 specified in section 279.51, subsection 1, paragraphs "a", "b",
23 and "c".

24 Sec. 9. WORK-STUDY APPROPRIATION. Notwithstanding section
25 256.209, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and
26 ending June 30, 2027, the amount appropriated from the general
27 fund of the state to the college student aid commission of
28 the department of education for the work-study program under
29 section 256.209 shall be zero.

30 DIVISION V

31 STATE PROGRAM ALLOCATION

32 Sec. 10. Section 284.13, subsection 1, paragraph a,
33 subparagraph (1), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

34 (1) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026, and
35 ending June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027, to the department, the amount of

1 five hundred eight thousand two hundred fifty dollars for the
2 issuance of national board certification awards in accordance
3 with [section 256.44](#). Of the amount allocated under this
4 paragraph, not less than eighty-five thousand dollars shall
5 be used to administer the ambassador to education position in
6 accordance with [section 256.45](#).

7 Sec. 11. Section 284.13, subsection 1, paragraphs b, c, e,
8 f, and g, Code 2026, are amended to read as follows:

9 *b.* For the fiscal year beginning July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026, and
10 ending June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027, up to seven hundred twenty-eight
11 thousand two hundred sixteen dollars to the department for
12 purposes of implementing the professional development program
13 requirements of [section 284.6](#), assistance in developing model
14 evidence for teacher quality committees established pursuant to
15 section 284.4, subsection 1, paragraph “b”, and the evaluator
16 training program in [section 284.10](#). A portion of the funds
17 allocated to the department for purposes of this paragraph may
18 be used by the department for administrative purposes and for
19 not more than four full-time equivalent positions.

20 *c.* For the fiscal year beginning July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026,
21 and ending June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027, an amount up to one million
22 seventy-seven thousand eight hundred ten dollars to the
23 department for the establishment of teacher development
24 academies in accordance with [section 284.6, subsection 10](#). A
25 portion of the funds allocated to the department for purposes
26 of this paragraph may be used for administrative purposes.

27 *e.* For the fiscal year beginning July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026, and
28 ending June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027, to the department an amount up to
29 fifty thousand dollars for purposes of the fine arts beginning
30 teacher mentoring program established under [section 256.34](#).

31 *f.* For the fiscal year beginning July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026, and
32 ending June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027, to the department an amount up
33 to six hundred twenty-six thousand one hundred ninety-one
34 dollars shall be used by the department for a delivery system,
35 in collaboration with area education agencies, to assist in

1 implementing the career paths and leadership roles considered
2 pursuant to [sections 284.15, 284.16, and 284.17](#), including but
3 not limited to planning grants to school districts and area
4 education agencies, technical assistance for the department,
5 technical assistance for districts and area education agencies,
6 training and staff development, and the contracting of external
7 expertise and services. In using moneys allocated for purposes
8 of this paragraph, the department shall give priority to school
9 districts with certified enrollments of fewer than six hundred
10 students. A portion of the moneys allocated annually to the
11 department for purposes of this paragraph may be used by the
12 department for administrative purposes and for not more than
13 five full-time equivalent positions.

14 *g.* For the fiscal year beginning July 1, ~~2026~~ 2027, and
15 for each subsequent fiscal year, to the department, ten
16 million dollars for purposes of implementing the supplemental
17 assistance for high-need schools provisions of [section 284.11](#).
18 Annually, of the moneys allocated to the department for
19 purposes of this paragraph, up to one hundred thousand dollars
20 may be used by the department for administrative purposes and
21 for not more than one full-time equivalent position.

22 DIVISION VI

23 IOWA TUITION GRANTS

24 Sec. 12. Section 256.183, subsection 3, Code 2026, is
25 amended to read as follows:

26 3. "*Eligible institution*" means an institution of higher
27 learning located in Iowa which is operated privately and
28 not controlled or administered by any state agency or any
29 subdivision of the state, which is not exempt from taxation
30 under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and
31 which meets all of the criteria in [subsection 1](#), paragraphs
32 "d" through "k", and is a school of barbering and cosmetology
33 arts and sciences licensed under [chapter 157](#) and is accredited
34 by a national accrediting agency recognized by the United
35 States department of education. ~~For the fiscal year beginning~~

1 ~~July 1, 2017, such a school of barbering and cosmetology arts~~
2 ~~and sciences shall provide a matching aggregate amount of~~
3 ~~institutional financial aid equal to at least seventy-five~~
4 ~~percent of the amount received by the institution's students~~
5 ~~for Iowa tuition grant assistance under [section 256.191](#). For~~
6 ~~the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, the school of barbering~~
7 ~~and cosmetology arts and sciences shall provide a matching~~
8 ~~aggregate amount of institutional financial aid equal to at~~
9 ~~least eighty-five percent of the amount received in that fiscal~~
10 ~~year. Commencing with the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019,~~
11 ~~and each succeeding fiscal year, the matching aggregate amount~~
12 ~~of institutional financial aid shall be at least equal to the~~
13 ~~match provided by eligible institutions under [section 261.9,](#)~~
14 ~~subsection 3, paragraph "a", Code 2023.~~

15 Sec. 13. Section 256.192, subsections 1, 2, 4, and 5, Code
16 2026, are amended to read as follows:

17 1. A vocational-technical tuition grant may be awarded to
18 any resident of Iowa who establishes financial need and who is
19 admitted and in attendance as a full-time or part-time student
20 in a any of the following:

21 a. A vocational-technical or career option program at a
22 community college in the state, ~~and who establishes financial~~
23 ~~need.~~

24 b. An eligible institution.

25 2. All classes, including liberal arts classes, identified
26 by the community college or eligible institution as required
27 for completion of the student's vocational-technical or
28 career option program, or barbering and cosmetology arts
29 and sciences program, shall be considered a part of the
30 student's vocational-technical or career option program
31 or barbering and cosmetology arts and sciences program for
32 the purpose of determining the student's eligibility for a
33 grant. Notwithstanding [subsection 3](#), if a student is making
34 satisfactory academic progress but the student cannot complete
35 a vocational-technical or career option program or barbering

1 and cosmetology arts and sciences program in the time frame
2 allowed for a student to receive a vocational-technical tuition
3 grant as provided in subsection 3 because additional classes
4 are required to complete the program, the student may continue
5 to receive a vocational-technical tuition grant for not more
6 than one additional enrollment period.

7 4. a. (1) The amount of a vocational-technical tuition
8 grant to a qualified full-time student who is enrolled in a
9 vocational-technical or career option program at a community
10 college shall not exceed the lesser of one thousand two hundred
11 dollars per year or the amount of the student's established
12 financial need.

13 ~~b.~~ (2) The amount of a vocational-technical tuition
14 grant to a qualified part-time student who is enrolled in a
15 vocational-technical or career option program at a community
16 college in a course of study including at least three semester
17 hours but fewer than twelve semester hours or the trimester
18 or quarter equivalent shall be equal to the amount of a
19 vocational-technical tuition grant that would be paid to a
20 full-time student, except that the commission shall prorate
21 the amount in a manner consistent with the federal Pell grant
22 program proration.

23 b. (1) The amount of a vocational-technical tuition
24 grant to a qualified full-time student who is enrolled in an
25 eligible institution for the fall and spring semesters, or the
26 equivalent, shall be the amount of the student's financial need
27 for that period not to exceed six thousand dollars.

28 (2) The amount of a vocational-technical tuition grant to
29 a qualified full-time student who is enrolled in an eligible
30 institution for the summer semester or equivalent shall be
31 one-half the amount of the vocational-technical tuition grant
32 the student receives under subparagraph (1).

33 (3) The amount of a vocational-technical tuition grant to
34 a qualified part-time student who is enrolled in an eligible
35 institution in a course of study including at least three

1 semester hours but fewer than twelve semester hours for the
2 fall, spring, and summer semesters, or the equivalent, shall be
3 equal to the amount of a tuition grant that would be paid to a
4 full-time student times a number which represents the number
5 of hours in which the part-time student is actually enrolled
6 divided by twelve semester hours, or the equivalent.

7 (4) If a qualified student receives financial aid under any
8 other program, the full amount of such financial aid shall be
9 considered part of the student's financial resources available
10 in determining the amount of the student's financial need
11 for that period. In no case may the state's total financial
12 contribution to the student's education, including financial
13 aid under any other state or federal program, exceed the
14 tuition and mandatory fees at the eligible institution the
15 student attends.

16 5. A vocational-technical tuition grant shall be awarded
17 on an annual basis, requiring reapplication by the student for
18 each year. Payments under the grant shall be allocated equally
19 among the semesters or quarters of the year upon certification
20 by the ~~institution~~ community college or eligible institution
21 that the student is in full-time or part-time attendance
22 in a vocational-technical or career option program or a
23 barbering and cosmetology arts and sciences program, as defined
24 under rules of the department. If the student discontinues
25 attendance before the end of any term after receiving payment
26 of the grant, the entire amount of any refund due that student,
27 up to the amount of any payments made under the annual grant,
28 shall be paid by the ~~institution~~ community college or eligible
29 institution to the state.

30 Sec. 14. Section 256.194, subsection 2, Code 2026, is
31 amended by striking the subsection.

32 Sec. 15. Section 256.194, subsection 3, Code 2026, is
33 amended to read as follows:

34 3. For each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2025,
35 there is appropriated from the general fund of the state to

1 the commission for deposit in the vocational-technical tuition
2 grants fund established in [section 256.192, subsection 8](#), the
3 sum of ~~one million seven hundred fifty thousand one hundred~~
4 ~~eighty-five~~ one million eight hundred sixty-three thousand
5 ninety-nine dollars.

6 Sec. 16. REPEAL. Section 256.191, Code 2026, is repealed.

7 Sec. 17. TRANSFER OF MONEYS. Any moneys appropriated to
8 the college student aid commission for purposes of the Iowa
9 tuition grants for-profit institutions fund established in
10 section 256.191, subsection 8, that remain unencumbered or
11 unobligated as of July 1, 2026, shall be transferred to the
12 vocational-technical tuition grants fund established in section
13 256.192, subsection 8.

14 DIVISION VII

15 IOWA SPECIAL EDUCATION COUNCIL — REPEAL

16 Sec. 18. REPEAL. Section 256.35B, Code 2026, is repealed.

17 DIVISION VIII

18 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION — REPORTING REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO
19 ANTIBULLYING PROGRAMMING

20 Sec. 19. Section 279.51A, subsection 5, Code 2026, is
21 amended to read as follows:

22 5. a. Each school district shall report to the department
23 of education, in a manner prescribed by the department, an
24 annual count of all incidents of violence that result in
25 injury or property damage or assault by a student in a school
26 building, on school grounds, or at a school-sponsored function,
27 and any time a student is referred for the use of or transfer
28 to a therapeutic classroom. The report shall include but not
29 be limited to demographic information on students reported as
30 victims and reported as perpetrators of incidents of violence
31 that result in injury or property damage or assault, including
32 but not limited to disaggregated information on race, gender,
33 national origin, age, grade level, and disability, along with
34 any other data required for the department to implement the
35 federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by

1 the federal Every Student Succeeds Act, Pub. L. No. 114-95,
2 with appropriate safeguards to ensure student privacy. The
3 department shall compile the reports.

4 b. The department shall ~~compile and summarize the reports,~~
5 ~~categorized by behavior, and shall~~ submit the summary an annual
6 report to the general assembly ~~by~~ on or before November 1
7 annually each year that contains all of the following:

8 (1) A summary of the annual reports compiled pursuant to
9 paragraph "a".

10 (2) A description of the department's antibullying
11 programming and current and projected expenditures for the
12 antibullying programming for the immediately preceding fiscal
13 year.

14 c. A teacher or administrator who submits a report in
15 accordance with [this section](#) and who meets the requirements of
16 section 280.27 or [section 613.21](#) shall be immune from civil
17 or criminal liability relating to such action, as well as for
18 participating in any administrative or judicial proceeding
19 resulting from or relating to the report pursuant to the
20 provisions of [sections 280.27](#) and [613.21](#). The provisions of
21 section 70A.29 shall apply to a teacher or administrator who
22 submits a report in accordance with [this section](#) or who reports
23 an incident of violence or assault to a local law enforcement
24 agency in good faith and without fraudulent intent or the
25 intent to deceive. Personal information regarding a student
26 in a report submitted pursuant to [this section](#) shall be kept
27 confidential as required under the federal Family Educational
28 Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. §1232g, and in the same
29 manner as personal information in student records maintained,
30 created, collected, or assembled by or for a school corporation
31 or educational institution in accordance with section 22.7,
32 subsection 1.

33 DIVISION IX

34 BOARD OF EDUCATIONAL EXAMINERS — FEES

35 Sec. 20. Section 256.155, subsections 2 and 3, Code 2026,

1 are amended to read as follows:

2 2. Licensing fees are payable to the treasurer of state and
3 shall be deposited with the executive director of the board.
4 ~~The executive director shall deposit twenty five percent of~~
5 ~~the fees collected annually with the treasurer of state and~~
6 ~~the fees shall be credited to the general fund of the state.~~
7 ~~The remaining licensing fees~~ Licensing fees collected during
8 the fiscal year shall be retained by and are appropriated to
9 the board for the purposes related to the board's duties.

10 Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), licensing fees retained by and
11 appropriated to the board pursuant to [this section](#) that remain
12 unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year
13 shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure for
14 the activities of the board as provided in [this part](#) until the
15 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

16 3. The executive director shall keep an accurate and
17 detailed account of fees received, including ~~fees paid to the~~
18 ~~treasurer of state and~~ fees retained by the board.>

19 2. Title page, by striking lines 1 through 4 and inserting
20 <An Act relating to and making appropriations to the education
21 system, including the funding and operation of the department
22 for the blind, department of education, state board of regents,
23 department of workforce development, and Iowa special education
24 council.>

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