

SENATE/HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION BILL)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for the establishment of an Iowa middle school
2 extended learning time pilot project grant program.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **256.34 Middle school extended**
2 **learning time pilot project grant program.**

3 1. Subject to an appropriation by the general assembly for
4 purposes of this section, the department shall establish a
5 pilot project grant program to provide funding to one or more
6 school districts individually or working collaboratively for
7 planning and implementing extended learning time for middle
8 school students in the form of longer school days or a longer
9 school year.

10 2. The department shall develop an application and
11 evaluation process for approval of pilot project grant
12 applications submitted by school districts. In evaluating
13 grant applications, the department shall consider all of the
14 following:

15 a. The percentage of eighth grade students in the school
16 district in a designated middle school building or in a
17 specific student population within such a building who have not
18 demonstrated proficiency in reading.

19 b. Evidence that the school district has included
20 community-based organizations in the submission of the
21 application.

22 c. The school district's proposed comprehensive
23 restructuring of the school day or year to maximize the use of
24 extra time for learning by middle school students, including a
25 mix of additional time spent on core academics and enrichment
26 opportunities.

27 d. Whether the school district's plan for teacher
28 collaboration and professional development of professional
29 staff supports success of the extended learning time pilot
30 project.

31 3. A school district awarded an extended learning time pilot
32 project grant shall do all of the following:

33 a. Add up to three hundred hours of additional instruction
34 or learning activities annually for all students in a
35 designated middle school building or in a specific student

1 pilot project grant must add up to 300 hours of additional
2 instruction or learning activities annually for all students in
3 a designated middle school building or in a specific student
4 population within such a building; and enter into an annual
5 performance agreement with the department that establishes
6 clear academic achievement goals, developed collaboratively
7 with district professional staff, for each designated building.
8 Grants shall be awarded for a period of three years, subject
9 annually to a successful review of program performance by the
10 department. School districts may collaborate with one another
11 to submit a joint grant application.