

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

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to incentives for whole grade sharing and
2 reorganization or dissolution by school districts.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 257.3, subsection 2, paragraph d, Code
2 2014, is amended to read as follows:

3 d. For purposes of this section, a reorganized school
4 district is one which absorbs at least thirty percent of the
5 enrollment of the school district affected by a reorganization
6 or dissolved during a dissolution and in which action to bring
7 about a reorganization or dissolution is initiated by a vote
8 of the board of directors or jointly by the affected boards of
9 directors to take effect on or after July 1, ~~2007~~ 2015, and on
10 or before July 1, ~~2014~~ 2019. Each district which initiated,
11 by a vote of the board of directors or jointly by the affected
12 boards, action to bring about a reorganization or dissolution
13 to take effect on or after July 1, ~~2007~~ 2015, and on or before
14 July 1, ~~2014~~ 2019, shall certify the date and the nature of
15 the action taken to the department of education by January 1
16 of the year in which the reorganization or dissolution takes
17 effect. ~~For a reorganization or dissolution that took effect~~
18 ~~on or after July 1, 2002, and on or before July 1, 2006, the~~
19 ~~reorganized school district shall continue to receive the~~
20 ~~benefits of paragraphs "a" and "b" of this subsection for the~~
21 ~~time specified in those paragraphs.~~

22 Sec. 2. Section 257.11, subsection 2, paragraph c, Code
23 2014, is amended to read as follows:

24 c. Pupils attending class for all or a substantial portion
25 of a school day pursuant to a whole grade sharing agreement
26 executed under sections 282.10 through 282.12 shall be eligible
27 for supplementary weighting pursuant to this subsection, and
28 the amount generated by the weighting shall be paid following
29 a reorganization or a dissolution that occurs on or before
30 July 1, 2019. A school district ~~which executes a whole grade~~
31 ~~sharing agreement and which adopts a resolution jointly with~~
32 ~~other affected boards to study the question of undergoing a~~
33 ~~reorganization or dissolution to take effect~~ that successfully
34 reorganizes or dissolves on or before July 1, ~~2014~~ 2019, shall
35 receive a weighting of one-tenth of the percentage of the

1 pupil's school day during which the pupil attends classes
2 in another district, attends classes taught by a teacher
3 who is jointly employed under section 280.15, or attends
4 classes taught by a teacher who is employed by another school
5 district in the year immediately preceding reorganization or
6 dissolution. A district shall be eligible for supplementary
7 weighting pursuant to this paragraph "c" ~~for a maximum of~~
8 ~~three~~ not more than the equivalent of five years, beginning
9 with the year in which the school district's reorganization
10 or dissolution takes effect. ~~Receipt of supplementary~~
11 ~~weighting for a second and third year shall be conditioned~~
12 ~~upon submission of information resulting from the study to the~~
13 ~~school budget review committee indicating progress toward the~~
14 ~~objective of reorganization on or before July 1, 2014. The~~
15 newly reorganized school district, or the receiving district
16 in the case of a dissolution, has the option of receiving the
17 supplementary weighting equally over five budget years or of
18 receiving the total of the supplementary weighting in the
19 budget year in which the school district's reorganization or
20 dissolution takes effect.

21 Sec. 3. Section 257.11, subsection 5, Code 2014, is amended
22 by striking the subsection.

23 Sec. 4. REPEAL. Section 257.11A, Code 2014, is repealed.

24 EXPLANATION

25 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
26 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

27 This bill makes changes relating to certain incentives for
28 school district reorganization or dissolution, and strikes
29 obsolete language relating to supplementary weighting for
30 students attending classes in a regional academy.

31 The bill provides for a reduced uniform levy as an incentive
32 for school districts that reorganized prior to July 1, 2015,
33 allowing school districts to utilize the incentive if they
34 reorganize on or before July 1, 2019. Obsolete language,
35 providing for a reduced uniform levy or reorganization or

1 dissolution that took effect between July 1, 2002, and July 1,
2 2006, is stricken.

3 The bill also allows school districts that execute a whole
4 grade sharing agreement and adopt a resolution to study the
5 effect of undergoing a reorganization or dissolution to take
6 effect on or before July 1, 2019, to receive a weighting of
7 one-tenth of a percentage of a student's school day during
8 which the student attends classes in another district, is
9 taught by a teacher jointly employed, or attends classes taught
10 by a teacher employed by another district. This supplementary
11 weighting is available for not more than five years, beginning
12 with the year in which the reorganization or dissolution takes
13 effect.

14 The reorganized district, or the receiving district in
15 the case of a dissolution, has the option of receiving the
16 supplementary weighting equally over five budget years or in
17 the budget year in which the reorganization dissolution takes
18 effect.

19 The bill repeals a provision that provides for supplementary
20 weighting funding for three years for a reorganized school
21 district in an amount that is equal to the funding that it
22 received in the year preceding the effective date of its
23 reorganization.