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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to dropout prevention programs by modifying
2 certain definitions, modifying the purposes for which
3 dropout prevention funding may be used, and including
4 applicability provisions.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 257.39, subsection 2, Code 2015, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *f.* Children toward whom harassment or
4 bullying, as defined in section 280.28, is directed.

5 Sec. 2. Section 257.41, subsection 2, Code 2015, is amended
6 by adding the following new paragraph:

7 NEW PARAGRAPH. *e.* Harassment and bullying prevention
8 programs, training, and initiatives.

9 Sec. 3. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to school budget
10 years beginning on or after July 1, 2016.

11 EXPLANATION

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

14 This bill relates to dropout prevention programs by
15 modifying certain definitions and modifying the purposes for
16 which dropout prevention funding may be used.

17 Under current law, school districts may request to use
18 a modified supplemental amount for programs for returning
19 dropouts and dropout prevention. The budget of an approved
20 program for returning dropouts and dropout prevention for
21 a school district, after subtracting funds received from
22 other sources for that purpose, shall be funded annually
23 on a basis of one-fourth or more from the district cost
24 of the school district and up to three-fourths through
25 establishment of a modified supplemental amount. Code
26 section 257.39(2) defines "potential dropouts" as resident
27 pupils who are enrolled in a public or nonpublic school who
28 demonstrate poor school adjustment as indicated by two or more
29 specified characteristics. The bill adds children toward whom
30 harassment or bullying is directed to that list of specified
31 characteristics.

32 Code section 257.41 specifies the appropriate uses of
33 the returning dropout and dropout prevention program funding
34 provided to school districts for an approved dropout prevention
35 program. The bill adds harassment and bullying prevention

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1 programs, training, and initiatives to the list of appropriate
2 uses.

3 The bill applies to school budget years beginning on or after
4 July 1, 2016.