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**HF 720** – Per Pupil Weighting for Residential Facilities (LSB1674HV)  
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**Description**

[House File 720](#) provides that a child who is living in an agency child care facility pursuant to Iowa Code section [282.19](#), is enrolled in an educational program, and does not require special education may receive additional weighting under Iowa Code section [256B.9\(1\)\(b\)](#) as if the child received an additional weighting for special education.

**Background**

Children placed in non-psychiatric medical institutions for children (non-PMIC) residential facilities receive educational instruction from the school district in which the facility is located. The school district or Area Education Agency (AEA) is responsible for the cost of educating these children. The Department of Education identified qualifying facilities covered under the provisions of this Bill in 16 school districts for the 2017-2018 school year. The qualifying facilities are under the jurisdiction of the Department of Human Services.

Iowa Code section [256B.9\(1\)\(b\)](#) establishes a special education weighting of 1.80; however, Iowa Code section [256B.9\(4\)](#) states that the School Board Review Committee (SBRC) may establish a weighting for this section. In FY 2020, the weighting applicable to Iowa Code section [256B.9\(1\)\(b\)](#) is 1.72. The additional weighting is 0.72, which is added to the 1.0 weighting generated for all certified enrolled students.

**Assumptions**

- The number of children placed in non-PMIC residential facilities and number of actual days served in the 2017-2018 school year were used for estimating purposes.
- The additional weighting for children under the provisions of this Bill is 0.72.
- For FY 2020 the State cost per pupil has been established at \$6,880, although individual districts' costs per pupil may be higher.

**Fiscal Impact**

Additional weighting for children in non-PMIC residential facilities may increase State aid from the General Fund by approximately \$1.0 million in FY 2020 and subsequent fiscal years and may increase property taxes in FY 2020 and subsequent fiscal years for the 16 school districts by a total of \$113,400.

**Sources**

Department of Education  
LSA analysis and calculations

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