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[SF 269](#) – School Supplemental State Aid and Equity (LSB1501SV.2)  
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## **Description**

[Senate File 269](#) modifies and establishes provisions related to the funding of school districts, including establishing a State supplemental aid (SSA) amount based on a State percent of growth rate and the categorical State percent of growth rate for the budget year beginning July 1, 2021 (FY 2022), and provides for other changes to the school aid formula.

Senate File 269 has five provisions with a fiscal impact:

- Establishes a 2.40% State percent of growth rate to be applied to the State cost per pupil (SCPP) for FY 2022 for an SSA of \$155 per pupil.
- Establishes a 2.40% State percent of growth rate to be applied to each of the State categorical cost per pupil amounts for FY 2022.
- Provides an additional increase of \$10 to the FY 2022 regular program SCPP separate from the SSA.
- Provides additional property tax replacement funding based on the per pupil increase that results from the establishment of the State percent of growth in FY 2022. The Bill requires the additional levy portion of the FY 2022 SCPP amount to be frozen at \$750 per pupil, regardless of the per pupil increase for FY 2022.
- Amends the FY 2022 General Fund appropriation to the [Transportation Equity Program](#) under Iowa Code section [257.16C](#) to equal the amount necessary to make all transportation equity aid payments.

The Bill takes effect upon enactment.

## **Background**

**State Cost Per Pupil.** The school aid formula provides funding to school districts and Area Education Agencies (AEAs) through a mix of State aid and property taxes. In general, funding is generated on a per pupil basis, with the per pupil amounts providing an overall budget limitation (or spending authority). There are five SCPP funding levels that would be increased by a 2.40% State percent of growth for FY 2022 with the enactment of this Bill.

**Table 1** provides the supplemental State aid amounts (also referred to as per pupil growth amounts) and SCPP amounts for FY 2022 based on a 2.40% growth rate. The SSA amounts will be applied to all corresponding district and AEA cost per pupil amounts. In addition to a 2.40% growth rate, Section 2 of the Bill, as amended, adds an additional \$10 to the SCPP separate from the SSA.

**Table 1 — SF 269****FY 2022 State Cost Per Pupil Calculations**

	FY 2021 State Cost Per Pupil	FY 2022 State Percent of Growth	FY 2022 Supplemental State Aid	FY 2022 Additional SCPP Dollars	FY 2022 State Cost Per Pupil
Regular Program	\$ 7,048	2.40%	\$ 169	\$ 10	\$ 7,227
Special Education Program	7,048	2.40%	169	10	7,227
AEA Special Education Services	308.56	2.40%	7.41	-	315.97
AEA Media Services	57.53	2.40%	1.38	-	58.91
AEA Education Services	63.48	2.40%	1.52	-	65.00

In addition to the State percent of growth and SSA amounts for FY 2022, enrollments, weightings, and taxable valuations within each school district have an impact on the amount of total school aid funding, including the amount of State aid and local property tax required to generate the total funding amount.

**State Categorical Supplements.** The State categorical supplements are funded entirely through State aid and generate funds for each school district and AEA through the school aid formula on a per pupil basis. The FY 2022 SCPP funding levels for the teacher salary supplement (district and AEA), professional development supplement (district and AEA), early intervention supplement (district only), and Teacher Leadership and Compensation (TLC) (district only) supplement would be increased by a 2.40% State percent of growth for FY 2022. **Table 2** provides the per pupil growth amounts and SCPP amounts for FY 2022 based on this Bill, as amended.

**Table 2 — SF 269****FY 2022 State Categorical Cost Per Pupil Calculations**

	FY 2021 State Cost Per Pupil	FY 2022 State Percent of Growth	FY 2022 Supplemental State Aid	FY 2022 State Cost Per Pupil
Teacher Salary - Districts	\$ 605.58	2.40%	\$ 14.53	\$ 620.11
Professional Development - Districts	68.58	2.40%	1.65	70.23
Early Intervention - Districts	74.71	2.40%	1.79	76.50
Teacher Leadership and Compensation - Districts	340.89	2.40%	8.18	349.07
Teacher Salary - AEAs	31.69	2.40%	0.76	32.45
Professional Development - AEAs	3.70	2.40%	0.09	3.79

Additionally, there is a budget guarantee provision for each of the State categorical supplements, which provides each district and AEA with a minimum of the previous fiscal year's level of funding (net of the previous year's budget guarantee amount). This provision for the State categorical supplements is funded entirely through State aid.

**Property Tax Replacement Payment (PTRP).** 2013 Iowa Acts, chapter [121](#) (Education Reform), included the creation of the PTRP provision to replace local property tax amounts with State aid. The provision froze the additional levy portion of the SCPP at \$750; based on the State percent of growth enacted during the intervening fiscal years, this provision created \$15 per pupil in property tax relief in FY 2014 and up to \$131 per pupil in FY 2021. The continual growth is a result of the requirement that the per pupil property tax relief of previous fiscal years carry forward into future fiscal years. Enactment of this Bill, as amended, would maintain the additional levy portion of the SCPP at \$750 in FY 2022. The per pupil property tax relief amount will be based on the State percent of growth enacted for FY 2022. **Table 3** provides detail regarding the SCPP funding levels as provided by a 2.40% growth rate for FY 2022 in this Bill.

**Table 3 — SF 269**  
**FY 2022 Property Tax Replacement Payment Calculation**

		FY 2021	Increase Due to Supplemental State Aid Rate	Increase Due to Additional Dollars to the SCPP	FY 2022
Regular Program	\$	7,048	\$ 169	\$ 10	\$ 7,227
Unadjusted Additional Levy		881	21	1	903
PTRP Portion		131	20	1	153
Fixed Additional Levy Portion		750	0	0	750

**Transportation Equity Program.** Iowa Code section 257.16C establishes the Transportation Equity Program. The Program was created to provide additional funding to school districts for public school transportation costs that exceed a statewide adjusted average cost per student. Transportation equity payments may buy down transportation costs to the statewide average cost per student for providing transportation to public schools. If funding permits, school districts with transportation costs per pupil below the statewide average will receive transportation base funding payments on a per capita basis.

**Assumptions**

- Estimates are based on October 2020 certified enrollments and supplementary weightings for FY 2021, which were approved by the School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) in December 2020.
- A statewide taxable valuation growth rate of 3.88% for FY 2022 was previously agreed upon by the Legislative Services Agency (LSA) and the Department of Management. Based on this assumed rate, the statewide total for the uniform levy is estimated to account for \$39.0 million (+3.94%) of the school foundation property tax change in FY 2022 (including the uniform levy portion of the commercial/industrial rollback replacement payment). The estimated increase in the uniform levy amount is not affected by the establishment of the State percent of growth rate. Property tax adjustment aid amounts are based on the statewide taxable valuation growth factor applied to each school district’s FY 2022 taxable valuation amount.
- Total State aid includes funding from the State General Fund and other funds appropriated or deposited in the Property Tax Equity and Relief (PTER) Fund, which is used to provide additional property tax relief through the school aid formula.

- Establishing an FY 2022 State percent of growth will also affect the amount of funding generated for the Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program. Funding for the Program is provided by State General Fund dollars and is included in the overall State aid total.
- Districts eligible for the 101.00% budget adjustment will approve use of that provision.
- Other legislation may have an impact on the amount of State aid and property tax generated through the school aid formula.
- The General Fund appropriation to the Transportation Equity Fund will increase by approximately \$768,000. Starting in FY 2023, the appropriation may grow at the same rate as the categorical SCPP rate.

### **Fiscal Impact**

**Table 4** provides the estimated fiscal impact of the six provisions of this Bill, as amended. These provisions include:

- A \$7.5 million reduction<sup>1</sup> in State aid to the AEAs (current statute).
- \$86.6 million in PTRP funding, an increase of \$11.6 million (15.40%) compared to FY 2021.
- \$560.5 million for the State categorical supplements for school districts and AEAs, an increase of \$7.7 million (1.39%). This includes:
  - \$317.8 million for the teacher salary supplement at the district and AEA levels.
  - \$36.1 million for the professional development supplement at the district and AEA levels.
  - \$37.1 million for the early intervention supplement.
  - \$169.6 million for the Teacher Leadership and Compensation supplement.
- \$80.9 million for preschool formula funding, a decrease of \$7.4 million (8.38%) compared to FY 2021. The preschool formula funding is included in the State aid amount but is not included in the combined district cost total.
- \$26.0 million in budget adjustment funding for 137 qualifying districts, an increase of \$17.8 million (215.45%) compared to FY 2021. The budget guarantee adjustment is calculated at the school district level so that school districts receive 101.00% of their previous year's funding. The budget guarantee adjustment is funded entirely through property taxes.
- The total property tax funds generated through the school aid formula are estimated to be \$1.660 billion, an increase of \$47.1 million (2.92%) compared to FY 2021.
- The total State aid from the General Fund (reflecting the total school aid funding level for school districts and AEAs generated through the school aid formula) is estimated to be \$3.418 billion, an increase of \$36.5 million (1.08%) compared to FY 2021. Any legislative action affecting FY 2022 school aid provisions will have an impact on school aid amounts. Additionally, any variations in the assumptions noted may result in changes in the FY 2022 estimates provided in **Table 4**.

The total General Fund appropriation in **Table 4** provides the additional fiscal impact of SF 269, as amended. This also includes:

- The additional increase in the FY 2022 SCPP of \$10 for a total of \$5.8 million, which is included in the total State aid estimate.
- The FY 2022 General Fund appropriation of \$27.5 million to the Transportation Equity Fund, which is not included in the total State aid estimate.

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<sup>1</sup> Since FY 2018, the General Assembly has further reduced funding to AEAs by an additional \$15.0 million per year, for a total reduction of \$22.5 million. Historically, the additional reductions have been included in the annual Standing Appropriations Act.

**Table 4 — SF 269**

**Legislative Services Agency: SF 269 School Aid Estimates (Statewide Dollars in Millions)**

<b>State Percent of Growth: 2.40%</b>		Statutory AEA Reduction: \$7,500,000			
State Cost Per Pupil: \$7,227		Additional AEA Reduction: \$0			
		Total AEA Reduction: \$7,500,000			
<b>Program Funding:</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>Est. FY 2022</b>	<b>Est. Change</b>	<b>% Change</b>	
Regular Program District Cost	\$ 3,461.5	\$ 3,504.8	\$ 43.3	1.25%	
Regular Program Budget Adjustment	8.3	26.0	17.8	215.45%	
Supplementary Weighting (District)	108.2	111.1	2.9	2.64%	
Special Education Instruction (District)	478.6	483.6	5.0	1.04%	
Teacher Salary Supplement (District)	296.6	300.7	4.1	1.39%	
Professional Development Supplement (District)	33.6	34.1	0.5	1.38%	
Early Intervention Supplement (District)	36.6	37.1	0.5	1.38%	
Teacher Leadership Supplement (District)	167.3	169.6	2.3	1.39%	
AEA Special Ed Support District Cost	172.3	174.2	2.0	1.14%	
AEA Special Ed Support Adjustment	1.2	1.6	0.4	37.22%	
AEA Media Services	30.1	30.4	0.3	1.11%	
AEA Ed Services	33.3	33.6	0.4	1.11%	
AEA Teacher Salary Supplement	16.8	17.1	0.3	1.49%	
AEA Professional Development Supplement	2.0	2.0	0.0	1.51%	
Dropout and Dropout Prevention	131.8	131.8	0.0	0.00%	
Combined District Cost	\$ 4,955.6	\$ 5,050.3	\$ 94.7	1.91%	
Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program	\$ 88.3	\$ 80.9	\$ -7.4	-8.38%	
<b>State Aid:</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>Est. FY 2022</b>	<b>Est. Change</b>	<b>% Change</b>	
Regular Program	\$ 2,007.2	\$ 2,008.9	\$ 1.6	0.08%	
Supplementary Weighting	94.5	97.0	2.6	2.71%	
Special Education Weighting	417.8	422.4	4.6	1.10%	
Property Tax Adjustment Aid (1992)	7.4	7.1	-0.3	-3.88%	
Property Tax Replacement Payment (PTRP)	75.1	86.6	11.6	15.40%	
Adjusted Additional Property Tax - General Fund	24.0	24.0	0.0	0.00%	
Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program	88.3	80.9	-7.4	-8.38%	
Minimum State Aid	0.0	0.0	0.0		
<b>State Aid from General Fund</b>	<b>\$ 3,381.3</b>	<b>\$ 3,417.8</b>	<b>\$ 36.5</b>	<b>1.08%</b>	
*Excess from SAVE Fund	10.4	16.2	5.8	56.13%	
Total State Aid (Includes Non-General Fund)	\$ 3,391.7	\$ 3,434.0	\$ 42.3	1.25%	
<b>Local Property Tax:</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>Est. FY 2022</b>	<b>Est. Change</b>	<b>% Change</b>	
Uniform Levy Amount	\$ 990.9	\$ 1,029.9	\$ 39.0	3.94%	
Additional Levy	621.9	630.1	8.1	1.31%	
<b>Total Levy to Fund Combined District Cost</b>	<b>\$ 1,612.8</b>	<b>\$ 1,660.0</b>	<b>\$ 47.1</b>	<b>2.92%</b>	
Comm/Ind - Uniform Levy Replacement	23.6	23.0	-0.6	-2.55%	
Comm/Ind - Additional Levy Replacement	15.2	14.2	-1.0	-6.71%	
<b>Miscellaneous Information:</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>Est. FY 2022</b>	<b>Est. Change</b>	<b>% Change</b>	
Budget Enrollment	490,094	484,159	-5,936	-1.21%	
State Cost Per Pupil	\$ 7,048	\$ 7,227	\$ 179	2.54%	
Number of Districts with Budget Adjustment	106	137	31	29.25%	
Percent of Districts with Budget Adjustment	32.42%	41.90%			
Statewide Categoricals Total	\$ 552.9	\$ 560.5	\$ 7.7	1.39%	
Property Tax Relief Payment Per Pupil	131	153	22	16.79%	
Statewide AEA Funding Reduction	-22.5	-7.5	15.0	66.67%	
Statewide AEA Funding	233.3	251.5	18.2	7.81%	
Transportation Equity Fund	26.7	27.5	0.8	2.88%	

Notes:

Totals may not sum due to data duplication and exclusion. For example, other funds are provided by State aid but are not included in the State aid section because they are represented in the Program Funding section listed above. The Transportation Equity Program is not included in State aid totals.

\*Secure an Advanced Vision for Education (SAVE) Fund.

Sources: Department of Education, Department of Management (School Aid File), LSA analysis and calculations

**Sources**

Iowa Department of Education, Certified Enrollment and Enrollment Projections File  
Iowa Department of Management, School Aid File  
Iowa Department of Revenue  
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