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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act creating an assisted school districts fund and making an  
2 appropriation.

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

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HF 165

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 257.50 ASSISTED SCHOOL  
2 DISTRICTS.

3 1. An assisted school district is a school district that  
4 has one or more elementary school attendance centers in which  
5 at least fifty percent of the students enrolled in the  
6 attendance center or centers qualify for free or reduced price  
7 lunches. A school district that determines it is an assisted  
8 school district under this section shall annually certify to  
9 the department of education its eligibility to receive funds  
10 under this section by October 1.

11 2. An assisted school districts fund is established in the  
12 office of the treasurer of state to be administered by the  
13 department of education. Moneys appropriated by the general  
14 assembly for deposit in the fund shall be paid to school  
15 districts pursuant to the requirements of this section.  
16 Moneys received by eligible school districts shall be used to  
17 limit class size, reduce student-teacher ratios, and employ  
18 additional teacher's aides in kindergarten through grade six  
19 in eligible elementary school attendance centers. An  
20 elementary school attendance center in which at least fifty  
21 percent of the students enrolled qualify for free or reduced  
22 price lunches is, for purposes of this section, an eligible  
23 elementary school attendance center. Moneys received pursuant  
24 to this section shall supplement other funds available for  
25 these purposes and shall not be used to replace those funds.  
26 Notwithstanding section 8.33, any balance in the fund on June  
27 30 of any fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund of  
28 the state.

29 3. The amount of moneys allocated from the assisted school  
30 districts fund to each eligible school district for each  
31 fiscal year shall be based upon the proportion that the total  
32 number of pupils enrolled in the eligible elementary school  
33 attendance centers in the district for a budget year as  
34 defined under section 257.6 bears to the sum of the basic  
35 enrollments of all eligible elementary school attendance

1 centers in eligible school districts in the state for that  
2 budget year.

3 4. Commencing with the school year beginning July 1, 1995,  
4 the department of education shall notify the department of  
5 revenue and finance of the amounts to be paid to each eligible  
6 school district from the assisted school districts fund.  
7 Payments shall be made by the department of revenue and  
8 finance on a monthly basis commencing on October 15 and ending  
9 June 15 of each fiscal year. The payments shall be separate  
10 from state aid payments made pursuant to sections 257.16 and  
11 257.35. Payments made to eligible school districts under this  
12 section are miscellaneous income for purposes of chapter 257.

13 5. There is appropriated to the assisted school districts  
14 fund for each fiscal year the sum of fifteen million dollars  
15 from the general fund of the state for the purposes of this  
16 section.

17 EXPLANATION

18 This bill annually appropriates \$15 million to be deposited  
19 in an assisted school districts fund and distributed by the  
20 department of education to school districts that have one or  
21 more elementary school attendance centers in which at least 50  
22 percent of the students enrolled qualify for free or reduced  
23 price lunches.

24 The assisted school districts fund is established in the  
25 office of the treasurer of state. A school district shall  
26 annually certify its eligibility to receive assisted school  
27 districts funds to the department of education by October 1.

28 Moneys received by eligible school districts shall be used  
29 to limit class size, reduce student-teacher ratios, and employ  
30 additional teacher's aides in kindergarten through grade six  
31 in eligible attendance centers. Any balance remaining in the  
32 assisted school districts fund on June 30 of any fiscal year  
33 shall not revert to the general fund of the state.

34 The amount of moneys allocated from the assisted school  
35 districts fund to each eligible school district for each

1 fiscal year shall be based upon the proportion that the basic  
2 enrollment of the eligible elementary school attendance  
3 centers in the district for a budget year as defined under  
4 section 257.6 bears to the sum of the basic enrollments of all  
5 eligible elementary school attendance centers in districts in  
6 the state for that budget year.

7     Payments shall be made on a monthly basis commencing on  
8 October 15 and ending June 15 of each fiscal year. Payments  
9 made to eligible school districts are miscellaneous income for  
10 purposes of chapter 257.

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