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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing an extended school year program for school
2 districts, providing for an appropriation and the imposition
3 of a property tax, and providing an effective date.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 257.51 EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR
2 PROGRAM.

3 1. An extended school year program is established for
4 school districts to provide additional days during a school
5 year for students, in-service training for licensed
6 practitioners who are employees of the school district, or
7 both. The extended school year consists of a time period not
8 exceeding thirty additional school or work days beyond the one
9 hundred eighty days of a school year required under section
10 279.10. An extended school year is not a year around school
11 under section 256.20 or an innovative school year under
12 section 279.10, subsection 3. A board of directors of a
13 school district that wishes to consider participating in an
14 extended school year program for a period not exceeding five
15 years shall hold a public hearing on the question of
16 participation. The board shall set forth in a resolution the
17 purposes for which the additional days will be used, which may
18 include the provision of remedial work in specific classes or
19 grades, enrichment activities in specific classes or grades,
20 or professional development or in-service activities for
21 licensed practitioners employed by the district, or all of
22 these; and the proposed budget for the program for the first
23 fiscal year, including the estimated extended school year
24 levy, and the estimated extended school year state aid that
25 will fund the program; and shall publish the notice of the
26 time and place of the public hearing on the resolution.

27 Notice of the time and place of the public hearing shall be
28 published in one or more newspapers not less than ten nor more
29 than twenty days before the public hearing. For the purpose
30 of establishing and giving assured circulation to the
31 proceedings, only a newspaper which is a newspaper of general
32 circulation issued at a regular frequency, distributed in the
33 school district's geographic area, and regularly delivered or
34 mailed through the post office during the preceding two years
35 may be used for the publication. In addition, the newspaper

1 must have a list of subscribers who have paid, or promised to
2 pay, at more than a nominal rate, for copies to be received
3 during a stated period.

4 At the hearing, the board shall announce a date certain, no
5 later than thirty days after the date of the hearing, that it
6 will take action to adopt a resolution to participate in the
7 extended school year program for a period not exceeding five
8 years.

9 2. If the board adopts a resolution to participate in the
10 extended school year program, the district shall participate
11 in the extended school year program unless within twenty-eight
12 days following the action of the board, the secretary of the
13 board receives a petition containing the required number of
14 signatures, asking that an election be called to approve or
15 disapprove the action of the board in adopting the extended
16 school year program. The petition must be signed by eligible
17 electors equal in number to not less than one hundred or
18 thirty percent of the number of voters at the last preceding
19 regular school election, whichever is greater. The board
20 shall either rescind its action or direct the county
21 commissioner of elections to submit the question to the
22 qualified electors of the school district at the next
23 following regular school election or a special election held
24 not later than December 1 of the base year. If a majority of
25 those voting on the question at the election favors
26 disapproval of the action of the board, the district shall not
27 participate in the extended school year program. If a
28 majority of those voting on the question favors approval of
29 the action, the board shall certify the results of the
30 election to the department of management and the district
31 shall participate in the program.

32 At the expiration of the twenty-eight-day period, if no
33 petition is filed, the board shall certify its action to the
34 department of management and the district shall participate in
35 the program.

1 3. Participation in an extended school year program is not
2 affected by a change in the boundaries of the school district,
3 except as otherwise provided in this section. If each school
4 district involved in a school reorganization under chapter 275
5 has approved an extended school year program, and if the
6 voters have not voted upon the question of participation in
7 the program in the reorganized district, the extended school
8 year program shall be in effect for the reorganized district
9 that has been approved for the least amount and the shortest
10 time in any of the districts.

11 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 257.52 PARTICIPATION.

12 Participation by licensed practitioners in the extended
13 school year program is voluntary and the contract for
14 participation is separate from the contract issued under
15 section 279.13. Compensation for employees who participate in
16 the program shall be paid pursuant to established or
17 negotiated supplemental pay schedules. An extended school
18 year contract shall be in writing and shall state the number
19 of contract days, the compensation to be paid, and any other
20 matters as may be mutually agreed upon. The contract shall be
21 for a single school year. Contracts issued under this section
22 shall be offered and renewed in the manner provided for
23 extracurricular contracts under section 279.19A, subsections
24 2, 7, and 8.

25 Participation in the extended school year program by
26 students is voluntary.

27 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 257.53 FUNDING FOR EXTENDED SCHOOL
28 YEAR PROGRAMS -- LEVY -- APPROPRIATION.

29 1. The extended school program shall be funded each year
30 by a combination of an extended school year levy and extended
31 school year state aid. The board of directors of a school
32 district may certify for levy by April 15 of a school year, a
33 tax on all taxable property in the school district for an
34 extended school year levy. The revenue from the tax levied in
35 this section shall be placed in the extended school year fund

1 of the school district.

2 2. Extended school year state aid shall be calculated by
3 the department of management by determining the proportion of
4 regular program district cost of the district for the budget
5 year that is state foundation aid and paying that proportion
6 of the proposed budget as extended school year state aid, with
7 the remainder of the budget funded by the extended school year
8 levy. Annually, the department of management shall establish
9 the rate of the extended school year levy to be levied and
10 certify it to the school district's county auditor.

11 3. There is appropriated for each fiscal year from the
12 general fund of the state to the department of management an
13 amount sufficient to pay the extended school year state aid as
14 provided in this section. Extended school year state aid
15 shall be paid in three equal installments, on April 15, May
16 15, and June 15 of a fiscal year and shall be deposited in the
17 extended school year fund established in section 298A.3A.

18 4. Moneys received for the extended school year program
19 deposited in the extended school year fund shall be expended
20 only for the purposes described in section 257.51, subsection
21 1.

22 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 298A.3A EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR FUND.

23 The extended school year fund is a special revenue fund.
24 An extended school year fund must be established in any school
25 corporation which receives funding for the extended school
26 year program. Moneys in the fund are miscellaneous income.

27 Sec. 5. This Act takes effect July 1, 1995, for procedures
28 needed for the provision of an extended school year program
29 for the school year beginning July 1, 1996.

30 EXPLANATION

31 This bill establishes an extended school year program
32 beginning July 1, 1996, which boards of school districts may
33 consider implementing. The program provides school districts
34 with up to 30 additional school days for students or working
35 days for teachers and administrators, or a combination of

1 school days and working days. If the board wishes to consider
2 participating in the program, the board must hold a public
3 hearing on the issue and a resolution to participate in the
4 program may be adopted. However, the bill provides that
5 voters opposed to the program may petition for an election and
6 in that case, an election must be held.

7 The program may be approved for up to five years and is
8 funded by a combination of extended school year state aid and
9 extended school year property tax in the same ratio as the
10 state aid and property tax included in the district cost of
11 the district. The department of management shall determine
12 the amount of state aid to be paid to the school district.
13 The bill provides for an appropriation from the general fund
14 in an amount sufficient to pay the state aid, with the
15 remainder of the budget funded by the extended school year
16 levy. Revenue from the tax levied and the state aid shall be
17 placed in the extended school year fund the bill directs each
18 school district that receives funding for the program to
19 establish and costs of the program shall be paid from the
20 fund.

21 The bill takes effect July 1, 1995, for procedures needed
22 for the provision of an extended school year program for the
23 school year beginning July 1, 1996.

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