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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to school finance by providing for additional
2 enrollment for school district transportation costs based upon
3 a school district enrollment sparsity factor.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 257.6, subsection 5, Code 1995, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 5. WEIGHTED ENROLLMENT. Weighted enrollment is the budget
4 enrollment plus the district's additional enrollment because
5 of special education calculated on December 1 of the base year
6 plus additional pupils added due to the application of the
7 supplementary weighting plus the district's additional
8 enrollment for transportation costs based upon the sparsity
9 factor calculated under subsection 6.

10 Weighted enrollment for special education support services
11 costs is equal to the weighted enrollment minus the additional
12 pupils added due to the application of the supplementary
13 weighting.

14 Sec. 2. Section 257.6, Code 1995, is amended by adding the
15 following new subsection:

16 NEW SUBSECTION. 6. SPARSITY FACTOR. For budget years
17 beginning on or after July 1, 1997, a school district having
18 fewer than three and five-tenths resident public school pupils
19 per square mile on December 1 of the base year shall receive
20 additional enrollment for transportation costs because of the
21 sparsity factor. This additional enrollment is equal to one-
22 tenth of the school district's actual enrollment for the base
23 year.

24 EXPLANATION

25 This bill provides additional weighted enrollment for
26 transportation costs based upon a sparsity factor of 3.5
27 resident public school pupils per square mile of the school
28 district beginning July 1, 1997.

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1 Amend House File 2084 as follows:

2 1. By striking everything after the enacting
3 clause and inserting the following:

4 "Section 1. NEW SECTION. 257.50 TRANSPORTATION
5 ASSISTANCE AID TO DISTRICTS.

6 1. The department shall pay transportation
7 assistance aid to a school district from funds as
8 provided in this section to school districts whose
9 average transportation costs per pupil exceed the
10 state average transportation costs per pupil
11 determined under subsection 2 by twenty-five percent.

12 2. A district's average transportation costs per
13 pupil shall be determined by dividing the district's
14 actual cost for all children transported in all school
15 buses for a school year pursuant to section 285.1,
16 subsection 12, less the amount received for
17 transporting nonpublic school pupils under section
18 285.1, by the district's actual enrollment for the
19 school year, excluding the shared-time enrollment for
20 the school year as defined in section 257.6. The
21 state average transportation costs per pupil shall be
22 determined by dividing the total actual costs for all
23 children transported in all districts for a school
24 year, by the total of all districts' actual
25 enrollments for the school year.

26 3. To be eligible for transportation assistance
27 aid, a school district shall annually certify its
28 actual cost for all children transported in all school
29 buses not later than July 31 after each school year on
30 forms prescribed by the department of education.

31 4. If a school district's average transportation
32 costs per pupil exceed the state average
33 transportation costs per pupil by twenty-five percent,
34 the department of education shall pay transportation
35 assistance aid equal to the amount of the difference
36 multiplied by the district's actual enrollment for the
37 school year excluding the shared-time enrollment for
38 the school year as defined in section 257.6.

39 5. There is appropriated from the general fund of
40 the state to the department of education, for each
41 fiscal year, an amount necessary to pay transportation
42 assistance aid pursuant to this section.
43 Transportation assistance aid is miscellaneous income
44 for purposes of chapter 257."

45 2. Title page, by striking lines 1 through 3 and
46 inserting the following: "An Act relating to
47 transportation assistance aid to a school district and
48 making an appropriation."

By COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
GRUBBS of Scott, Chairperson

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