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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to school finance by providing for supplementary
2 weighting for at-risk students in assisted school districts,
3 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. 257.13 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 an
6 attendance center or centers qualify for free or reduced price
7 lunches. By October 1 of each budget year, a school district
8 that determines it is an assisted school district under this
9 section shall annually certify to the department of education
10 its eligibility to receive funds under this section.

11 2. In order to provide funds for limiting class size,
12 reducing student-teacher ratios, and the employment of
13 additional teacher's aides in an assisted school district, an
14 assisted school district weighting plan for determining
15 enrollment in each assisted school district is adopted as
16 follows:

17 a. Pupils in a nonassisted school district are assigned a
18 weighting of one.

19 b. Pupils in an assisted school district enrolled in an
20 attendance center in which at least fifty percent of the
21 students qualify for free or reduced price lunches are
22 assigned a weighting of one and one-tenth for the school year
23 commencing July 1, 1996.

24 3. An assisted school district fund shall be established
25 by each assisted school district. The amount of additional
26 moneys received by an assisted school district from the
27 department of revenue and finance as a result of the assisted
28 school district supplementary weighting shall be allocated
29 within the assisted school district to each qualifying
30 elementary school attendance center. A qualifying elementary
31 school attendance center has at least fifty percent of its
32 students qualifying for free and reduced price lunches. Fund
33 distributions shall be based on the proportion that the number
34 of pupils enrolled in the qualifying elementary school
35 attendance center entitled to free and reduced price lunches

1 bears to the sum of all students in the assisted school
2 district qualifying for free and reduced price lunches.
3 Moneys received pursuant to this section shall supplement
4 other funds available for these purposes and shall not be used
5 to replace those funds. Notwithstanding section 8.33, any
6 balance in an assisted school district fund remaining on June
7 30 of any fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund of
8 the state but shall remain available for expenditure in the
9 succeeding fiscal year.

10 Sec. 2. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance,
11 takes effect upon enactment for the school budget year
12 beginning July 1, 1996.

13 EXPLANATION

14 This bill provides for the supplementary weighting of
15 students attending school in an assisted school district.

16 The bill defines an assisted school district as a school
17 district in which at least one elementary school attendance
18 center that has at least 50 percent of its students qualifying
19 for free or reduced price lunches exists. Students in
20 nonassisted school districts are assigned a weighting of one.
21 Students in an assisted school district enrolled in an
22 attendance center in which at least fifty percent of the
23 students qualify for free or reduced price lunches are
24 assigned a weighting of one and one-tenth.

25 An assisted school district fund is established within each
26 assisted school district into which the additional funds
27 resulting from the supplementary weighting will be placed.
28 The funds will be distributed to elementary school attendance
29 centers within the district based on the proportion that the
30 students qualifying for free and reduced price lunches in an
31 elementary school attendance center bears to all students
32 attending elementary school attendance centers qualifying for
33 free and reduced price lunches in the assisted school
34 district. The funds will be used to limit class size, reduce
35 student-teacher ratios, and employ additional teacher's aides.

1 Funds received due to supplementary weighting shall
2 supplement other funds available, and shall not revert to the
3 general fund of the state at the conclusion of a fiscal year.

4 The bill provides for an immediate effective date upon
5 enactment for the school budget year beginning July 1, 1996.

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