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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to school finance, by providing a supplementary
2 weighting formula for gifted and talented children programs,
3 and providing an applicability date.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 257.11, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code
2 Supplement 1995, is amended to read as follows:

3 In order to provide additional funds for school districts
4 which send their resident pupils to another school district or
5 to a community college for classes, which jointly employ and
6 share the services of teachers under section 280.15, which use
7 the services of a teacher employed by another school district,
8 ~~or~~ which jointly employ and share the services of a school
9 superintendent under section 280.15 or 273.7A, or which have
10 established gifted and talented children programs, a
11 supplementary weighting plan for determining enrollment is
12 adopted as follows:

13 Sec. 2. Section 257.11, Code Supplement 1995, is amended
14 by adding the following new subsection:

15 NEW SUBSECTION. 8. GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN PROGRAMS.
16 School districts that have established gifted and talented
17 children programs approved pursuant to sections 257.42 through
18 257.49 may receive supplementary weighting for each pupil
19 enrolled in the program equal to two-tenths. However, the
20 total additional weighting allowed under this subsection for a
21 budget year for a school district shall not result in
22 additional funding in excess of the lesser of the product of
23 one-fifth of the district cost per pupil multiplied by one-
24 twentieth of the budget enrollment, or of the amount
25 established by the department of management, as required in
26 section 257.46, to be raised from supplementary weighting.

27 Sec. 3. Section 257.42, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1995,
28 is amended to read as follows:

29 Boards of school districts, individually or jointly with
30 the boards of other school districts, requesting to use
31 ~~additional-allowable-growth~~ receive supplementary weighting
32 for gifted and talented children programs, may annually submit
33 program plans for gifted and talented children programs and
34 budget costs, including requests for ~~additional-allowable~~
35 growth supplementary weighting for funding the programs, to

1 the department of education and to the applicable gifted and
2 talented children advisory council, if an advisory council has
3 been established, as provided in this chapter.

4 Sec. 4. Section 257.42, unnumbered paragraphs 4 and 5,
5 Code 1995, are amended to read as follows:

6 The department of education shall adopt rules under chapter
7 17A relating to the administration of sections 257.42 through
8 257.49. The rules shall prescribe the format of program plans
9 submitted under section 257.43 and shall require that programs
10 fulfill specified objectives. The department shall encourage
11 and assist school districts to provide programs for gifted and
12 talented children whether or not ~~additional-allowable-growth~~
13 supplementary weighting is requested under this chapter.

14 The department may request that the staff of the auditor of
15 state conduct an independent program audit to verify that the
16 gifted and talented children programs funded by ~~additional~~
17 ~~allowable-growth~~ supplementary weighting conform to a
18 district's program plans.

19 Sec. 5. Section 257.45, subsection 1, Code 1995, is
20 amended to read as follows:

21 1. The board of directors of a school district requesting
22 to ~~use-additional-allowable-growth~~ receive supplementary
23 weighting for gifted and talented children programs shall
24 submit applications for approval for the programs to the
25 department not later than November 1 preceding the fiscal year
26 during which the program will be offered. The board shall
27 also submit a copy of the program plans to the gifted and
28 talented children advisory council, if an advisory council has
29 been established. The department shall review the program
30 plans and shall prior to January 15 either grant approval for
31 the program or return the request for approval with comments
32 of the department included. Any unapproved request for a
33 program may be resubmitted with modifications to the
34 department not later than a date established by the
35 department. Not later than February 15 the department shall

1 notify the department of management and the school budget
2 review committee of the names of the school districts for
3 which gifted and talented children programs ~~using additional~~
4 ~~allowable-growth~~ receiving supplementary weighting for funding
5 have been approved and the approved budget of each program
6 listed separately for each school district having an approved
7 program.

8 Sec. 6. Section 257.46, Code 1995, is amended to read as
9 follows:

10 257.46 FUNDING.

11 The budget of an approved gifted and talented children
12 program for a school district, after subtracting funds
13 received from other sources for that purpose, shall be funded
14 annually on a basis of one-fourth or more from the district
15 cost of the school district and up to three-fourths by an
16 ~~increase-in-allowable-growth-as-defined-in-section-257-8~~
17 receipt of supplementary weighting, subject to the funding
18 limitations in section 257.11, subsection 8, and this section.
19 The approved budget for a gifted and talented children program
20 shall not exceed an amount equal to one and twenty-four-
21 hundredths percent of the district cost per pupil of the
22 district for the base year multiplied by the budget enrollment
23 of the district for the budget year. Annually, the department
24 of management shall establish ~~a-modified-allowable-growth~~ the
25 amount of additional funding needed to be raised from the
26 supplementary weighting for each such district equal to the
27 difference between the approved budget for the gifted and
28 talented children program for that district and the sum of the
29 amount funded from the district cost of the school district
30 plus funds received from other sources.

31 If any portion of the gifted and talented program budget
32 remains unexpended at the end of the budget year, the part of
33 the remainder equal to the proportion of the original budget
34 which was funded by ~~an-increase-in-allowable-growth,~~ as
35 defined-in-section-257-8 supplementary weightings, shall be

1 carried over to the subsequent budget year and added to the
2 gifted and talented program budget for that year.

3 Sec. 7. This Act applies to school budget years commencing
4 on or after July 1, 1997.

5 EXPLANATION

6 Present law provides for school districts to receive
7 additional allowable growth to help in funding their gifted
8 and talented children programs. This bill substitutes the
9 allowable growth with supplementary weightings equal to two-
10 tenths of a pupil for each pupil enrolled in the gifted and
11 talented program. The maximum amount of additional funds that
12 may be raised from the supplementary weightings equals the
13 lesser of 20 percent of the district cost per pupil times 5
14 percent of budget enrollment or the amount needed to fund the
15 gifted and talented program.

16 The bill applies to school budget years commencing on or
17 after July 1, 1997.

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