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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to transportation assistance aid to a school
2 district and making an appropriation.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 257.50 TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE
2 AID TO DISTRICTS.

3 1. The department shall pay transportation assistance aid
4 to a school district from funds appropriated in this section
5 to school districts whose average transportation costs per
6 pupil exceed one hundred twenty-five percent of the state
7 average transportation costs per pupil determined under
8 subsection 2.

9 2. A district's average transportation costs per pupil
10 shall be determined by dividing the district's actual cost for
11 all children transported in all school buses for a school year
12 pursuant to section 285.1, subsection 12, by the district's
13 actual enrollment for the school year, as defined in section
14 257.6. The state average transportation costs per pupil shall
15 be determined by dividing the total actual costs for all
16 children transported in all districts for a school year, by
17 the total of all districts' actual enrollments for the school
18 year.

19 3. A school district shall annually certify its actual
20 cost for all children transported in all school buses by July
21 15 after each school year on forms prescribed by the
22 department of education.

23 4. If a school district's average transportation costs per
24 pupil are greater than one hundred twenty-five percent of the
25 state average transportation costs per pupil, the department
26 of education shall pay transportation assistance aid equal to
27 the amount of the difference multiplied by the district's
28 actual enrollment for the school year.

29 5. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
30 state to the department of education, for each fiscal year, an
31 amount necessary to pay transportation assistance aid pursuant
32 to this section. Transportation assistance aid is
33 miscellaneous income for purposes of chapter 257.

34 EXPLANATION

35 This bill provides an appropriation to the department of

1 education in an amount necessary to pay transportation
2 assistance aid to school districts whose average
3 transportation costs per pupil exceed 125 percent of the state
4 average transportation costs per pupil.
5 Districts are required to annually certify their costs for
6 transportation to the department of education by July 15 after
7 each school year.

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