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HOUSE FILE 537  
BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 244)

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4 applicability date provisions.

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HF 537

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4 1996, school districts shall receive additional state aid  
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7 department in identifying the number of at-risk pupils and the  
8 number shall be reported by the department to the department  
9 of management by October 1 of each budget year. For purposes  
10 of identifying at-risk pupils, the department shall use the  
11 primary and secondary risk factors specified in 281 IAC 65,  
12 rules 4 and 5, and other risk factors that the department,  
13 with the approval of the department of management, shall  
14 specify.

15 2. The amount of additional state aid a school district  
16 shall receive for a budget year equals the product of ten  
17 percent of the district cost per pupil for that budget year  
18 multiplied by the number of at-risk pupils identified and  
19 reported pursuant to subsection 1.

20 There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to  
21 the department of management for each fiscal year an amount  
22 sufficient to pay the additional state aid to school districts  
23 under this section. The additional state aid shall be paid in  
24 the manner provided in section 257.16, commencing with the  
25 October 15 payment. Aid received by a school district under  
26 this section shall be miscellaneous income.

27 Sec. 2. This Act applies for computing state aid for  
28 school budget years beginning on or after July 1, 1996.

29 EXPLANATION

30 The bill provides for additional state aid for school  
31 districts with at-risk pupils enrolled in public schools  
32 within the school district. The amount of aid equals 10  
33 percent of the district cost per pupil times the number of at-  
34 risk pupils.

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HOUSE FILE 537  
FISCAL NOTE

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A fiscal note for House File 537 is hereby submitted pursuant to Joint Rule 17. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to members of the Legislature upon request.

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House File 537 provides additional State aid for school districts with at-risk pupils beginning in FY 1997. The amount of State aid equals 10.0% of the district cost per pupil times the number of identified at-risk pupils.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. Allowable growth is 3.5% for FY 1996 and 3.3% for FY 1997.
2. The FY 1996 basic enrollment increases 3,583 (0.72%) to 500,592 compared to FY 1995 and 0.0% for FY 1997.
3. In FY 1997, 17.0% to 20.0% of the total enrollment or 85,001 to 100,118 pupils will be identified as at-risk pupils.
4. The State cost per pupil of \$3,746 for FY 1997 is used as the district cost per pupil.

FISCAL EFFECT

House File 537 is estimated to increase FY 1997 State aid from \$31.9 million to \$37.5 million. This includes \$374.60 for 85,001 to 100,118 identified at-risk pupils.

(LSB 2560hv, JAS)

FILED MARCH 28, 1995

BY DENNIS PROUTY, FISCAL DIRECTOR

## HOUSE FILE 537

H-3534

1 Amend House File 537 as follows:

2 1. Page 1, by inserting after line 26 the  
3 following:

4 "Sec. \_\_\_\_ . NEW SECTION. 257.51 TRANSPORTATION  
5 ASSISTANCE AID TO DISTRICTS.

6 1. The department of education shall pay  
7 transportation assistance aid for a budget year to a  
8 school district from funds appropriated in this  
9 section to school districts whose average  
10 transportation costs per pupil for the base year  
11 exceed one hundred twenty-five percent of the state  
12 average transportation costs per pupil for the base  
13 year determined under subsection 2.

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

26 3. A school district shall annually certify for  
27 the base year its actual cost for all children  
28 transported in all school buses by July 15 after each  
29 school year on forms prescribed by the department of  
30 education.

31 4. If a school district's average transportation  
32 costs per pupil for the base year are greater than one  
33 hundred twenty-five percent of the state average  
34 transportation costs per pupil for the base year, the  
35 department of education shall pay transportation  
36 assistance aid for the budget year equal to the amount  
37 of the difference multiplied by the district's actual  
38 enrollment for the budget year.

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 and shall be paid in the manner provided in section  
45 257.16, commencing with the October 15 payment."

46 2. Title page, line 3, by inserting after the  
47 word "district" the following: "or based upon the  
48 school district's transportation costs per pupil".

By ERTL of Dubuque

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Grubbs, Chair  
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PERSON GRUBBS)

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