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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to providing additional state aid by the school
2 budget review committee to school districts with unusual
3 circumstances.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 257.31, Code 1995, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 5A. In addition to or in lieu of the
4 funding sources provided pursuant to subsection 5, the
5 committee may provide for funding all or part of the unusual
6 need for additional funds as described in subsection 5, by
7 granting the district an amount equal to a percent, not to
8 exceed ten percent, of the amount of the state regular program
9 allowable growth as calculated under section 257.8, subsection
10 2, multiplied by the school district's budget enrollment.
11 There is appropriated for each fiscal year from the general
12 fund of the state to the department of education an amount
13 necessary to pay state assistance pursuant to this subsection.
14 Payments made pursuant to this subsection shall be treated as
15 miscellaneous income and shall be paid to school districts in
16 the manner provided in section 257.16.

17 EXPLANATION

18 The bill provides an alternative of state funding to the
19 present funding for school districts that have unusual
20 circumstances which create unusual needs for additional funds.
21 Present funding is through additional allowable growth or
22 supplemental state aid provided from the department of
23 education. This bill authorizes the school budget review
24 committee to grant state funding as a percent of the allowable
25 growth amount for each pupil enrolled. The unusual
26 circumstances for which aid may be granted include unusual
27 enrollment changes, natural disasters, closing of nonpublic
28 schools, funding needs for special or compensatory education,
29 and reductions in miscellaneous income.

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