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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to school foundation weighting for pupils
2 participating in school-to-work or career pathways programs,
3 making an appropriation, 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. 256.39A SCHOOL-TO-WORK AND
2 CAREER PATHWAYS -- ASSESSMENT AND APPROPRIATION.

3 1. A school district that assigns a weighting under
4 section 257.11, subsection 8, shall establish clearly defined,
5 measurable standards and shall annually use measurement
6 instruments to assess the development of student employability
7 skills. The school district shall provide the results of this
8 assessment to the department of education upon request.

9 2. There is appropriated for the fiscal year beginning
10 July 1, 1998, and each subsequent fiscal year from the general
11 fund of the state ten million dollars, or so much thereof as
12 is necessary, to the department of management to pay the
13 supplementary aid pursuant to section 257.11, subsection 8.
14 State aid paid under this section shall be paid in monthly
15 installments beginning on September 15 of a budget year and
16 ending on or about June 15 of the budget year as determined by
17 the department of management, taking into consideration the
18 relative budget and cash position of the state resources. All
19 moneys received by a school district from the state under this
20 chapter shall be deposited in the general fund of the school
21 district and may be used for any school general fund purpose.

22 3. If the amount appropriated under subsection 2 is
23 insufficient to make the aid payments under subsection 2 and
24 section 257.11, subsection 8, the director of the department
25 of management shall prorate the payments on the basis of the
26 amount appropriated.

27 Sec. 2. Section 257.11, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1997,
28 is amended to read as follows:

29 In order to provide additional funds for school districts
30 that offer school-to-work or career pathways programs as
31 provided in section 256.38 or 256.39, or which send their
32 resident pupils to another school district or to a community
33 college for classes, which jointly employ and share the
34 services of teachers under section 280.15, which use the
35 services of a teacher employed by another school district, or

1 which jointly employ and share the services of a school
2 superintendent under section 280.15 or 273.7A, a supplementary
3 weighting plan for determining enrollment is adopted as
4 follows:

5 Sec. 3. Section 257.11, Code 1997, is amended by adding
6 the following new subsection:

7 NEW SUBSECTION. 8. SCHOOL-TO-WORK OR CAREER PATHWAYS
8 PROGRAMS. For the budget year commencing July 1, 1998, and
9 for each succeeding budget year, resident pupils enrolled in
10 grades nine through twelve within the district who are
11 participating in a school-to-work program which meets the
12 objectives identified in section 256.38, subsection 2, or
13 which meets requirements identified in section 256.39,
14 subsection 2, shall be assigned an additional weighting of
15 two-tenths of one pupil, subject to the provisions of section
16 256.39A, subsection 3.

17 Sec. 4. Section 257.16, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1997,
18 is amended to read as follows:

19 There is appropriated each year from the general fund of
20 the state an amount necessary to pay the foundation aid and
21 supplementary aid under section 257.4, subsection 2, except as
22 limited in section 256.39A.

23 Sec. 5. INITIAL YEAR ENROLLMENT CERTIFICATION -- INITIAL
24 YEAR EXEMPTION. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1998,
25 and ending June 30, 1999, to qualify for funding under section
26 257.11, subsection 8, a school district shall certify to the
27 department of education, by June 30, 1998, the number of
28 pupils who were counted in the basic enrollment of the school
29 district on the third Friday of September of the 1997-1998
30 school year who were participating in a school-to-work program
31 as identified in section 256.38, or a career pathways program
32 as identified in section 256.39. The department of education
33 shall promptly forward the information on additional
34 enrollment because of school-to-work or career pathways
35 program participation to the department of management. For

1 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1998, and ending June 30,
2 1999, the department of management shall pay supplementary aid
3 as provided in section 256.39A and section 257.11, subsection
4 8, on the basis of this additional enrollment.

5 Notwithstanding section 256.39A, subsection 1, a school
6 district is exempt from the requirements of section 256.39A
7 relating to measurement instruments and assessment results for
8 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1998, and ending June 30,
9 1999.

10 Sec. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. The section of this Act relating
11 to initial year enrollment certification, being deemed of
12 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

13 EXPLANATION

14 This bill provides for an annual appropriation of \$10
15 million to pay foundation aid to school districts for high
16 school pupils participating in school-to-work or career
17 pathways programs. The bill assigns an additional weighting
18 of 0.2 of one pupil to those pupils. After the initial year
19 of funding, a school district that assigns such a weighting
20 must establish clearly defined, measurable standards and
21 annually use measurement instruments to assess the development
22 of student employability skills. The school district shall
23 provide the results of this assessment to the department of
24 education upon request.

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