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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to school finance, providing for payment of an
 2 open enrollment state aid amount per pupil to an open
 3 enrollment receiving district, and providing an applicability
 4 provision.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 282.18, subsection 7, Code Supplement
2 1997, is amended to read as follows:

3 7. A pupil participating in open enrollment shall be
4 counted, for state school foundation aid purposes, in the
5 pupil's district of residence. A pupil's residence, for
6 purposes of this section, means a residence under section
7 282.1. The board of directors of the district of residence
8 shall pay to the receiving district the ~~state-cost-per-pupil~~
9 ~~for-the-previous-school-year~~ open enrollment state aid amount
10 per pupil, plus any moneys received for the pupil as a result
11 of the non-English speaking weighting under section 280.4,
12 subsection 3, for the previous school year multiplied by the
13 state cost per pupil for the previous year. The district of
14 residence shall also transmit the phase III moneys allocated
15 to the district for the previous year for the full-time
16 equivalent attendance of the pupil, who is the subject of the
17 request, to the receiving district specified in the request
18 for transfer. For purposes of this section, the open
19 enrollment state aid amount per pupil is calculated by
20 subtracting the per pupil amount raised by the foundation
21 property tax in the district for the previous year from the
22 regular program foundation base per pupil for the previous
23 year.

24 Sec. 2. Section 282.18, subsection 9, unnumbered paragraph
25 1, Code Supplement 1997, is amended to read as follows:

26 If a parent or guardian of a child, who is participating in
27 open enrollment under this section, moves to a different
28 school district during the course of either district's
29 academic year, the child's first district of residence shall
30 be responsible for payment of the ~~cost-per-pupil~~ amount
31 calculated in subsection 7 plus weightings or special
32 education costs to the receiving school district for the
33 balance of the school year in which the move took place. The
34 new district of residence shall be responsible for the
35 payments during succeeding years.

1 Sec. 3. Section 282.18, subsection 10, Code Supplement
2 1997, is amended to read as follows:

3 10. Notwithstanding section 285.1 relating to
4 transportation of nonresident pupils, the parent or guardian
5 is responsible for transporting the pupil without
6 reimbursement to and from a point on a regular school bus
7 route of the receiving district. However, a receiving
8 district may send school vehicles into the district of
9 residence of the pupil using the open enrollment option under
10 this section, for the purpose of transporting the pupil to and
11 from school in the receiving district, if the boards of both
12 the sending and receiving districts agree to this arrangement.
13 If the pupil meets the economic eligibility requirements
14 established by the department and state board of education,
15 the sending district is responsible for providing
16 transportation or paying the pro rata cost of the
17 transportation to a parent or guardian for transporting the
18 pupil to and from a point on a regular school bus route of a
19 contiguous receiving district unless the cost of providing
20 transportation or the pro rata cost of the transportation to a
21 parent or guardian exceeds the average transportation cost per
22 pupil transported for the previous school year in the
23 district. If the cost exceeds the average transportation cost
24 per pupil transported for the previous school year, the
25 sending district shall only be responsible for that average
26 per pupil amount. A sending district which provides
27 transportation for a pupil to a contiguous receiving district
28 under this subsection may withhold from the ~~district-cost-per~~
29 ~~pupil~~ amount calculated in subsection 7, that is to be paid to
30 the receiving district, an amount which represents the average
31 or pro rata cost per pupil for transportation, whichever is
32 less.

33 Sec. 4. This Act applies to school budget years beginning
34 on or after July 1, 1998.

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EXPLANATION

1 This bill provides that when a student is participating in
2 open enrollment, the board of directors in the student's
3 district of residence shall pay to the receiving district an
4 amount representing the foundation aid per pupil remaining
5 after property taxes per pupil are retained by the district of
6 residence. The bill provides that the amount paid to the
7 receiving district shall be referred to as the open enrollment
8 state aid amount per pupil. The bill applies to school budget
9 years beginning on or after July 1, 1998.

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