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(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 513)

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 256D.1 LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND
2 INTENT.

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8 encourage and equitably fund early childhood education
9 programs in the public school districts. The goal of these
10 programs shall be, at a minimum, to produce children who are
11 self-confident and trusting, intellectually inquisitive, able
12 to use language to communicate, physically and mentally
13 healthy, able to relate well to others, and empathetic to
14 others. Toward that goal, it is the intent of this chapter to
15 establish and fund an early childhood education imperatives
16 program.

17 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 256D.2 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
18 IMPERATIVES PROGRAM APPROPRIATION.

19 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
20 state to the department of education for the fiscal year
21 beginning July 1, 1998, and for each succeeding fiscal year,
22 the sum of nine million dollars for the early childhood
23 education imperatives program.

24 2. For each fiscal year for which moneys are appropriated
25 in subsection 1, the amount of moneys allocated to school
26 districts shall be in the proportion that the basic
27 kindergarten through grade three enrollment of a district
28 bears to the sum of the basic kindergarten through grade three
29 enrollments of all school districts in the state for the
30 budget year. However, except as provided in subsection 7, a
31 district shall not receive less than seven thousand five
32 hundred dollars in a fiscal year. The Iowa braille and sight
33 saving school, the state school for the deaf, and the Price
34 laboratory school at the university of northern Iowa shall
35 annually certify their basic kindergarten through grade three

1 enrollments to the department of education by October 1. The
2 department of human services shall certify the average student
3 yearly kindergarten through grade three enrollments of the
4 institutions under the control of the department of human
5 services enumerated in section 218.1, subsections 1 through 3,
6 5, 7, and 8, to the department of education by October 1.

7 3. For each year for which an appropriation is made to the
8 early childhood education imperatives program, the department
9 of education shall notify the department of revenue and
10 finance of the amount to be paid to each school district based
11 upon the distribution plan set forth for the appropriation
12 made pursuant to this section. The allocation to each school
13 district under this section shall be made in one payment on or
14 about October 15 of the fiscal year for which the
15 appropriation is made, taking into consideration the relative
16 budget and cash position of the state resources. Prior to the
17 receipt of moneys, school districts shall provide to the
18 department of education adequate assurance that they have
19 developed or are developing an early childhood education plan
20 as required by section 256D.3 and that moneys received under
21 this section will be used in accordance with the required
22 early childhood education plan.

23 4. Moneys received under this section shall not be
24 commingled with state aid payments made under sections 257.16
25 to a school district and shall be accounted for by the school
26 district separately from state aid payments.

27 5. Payments made to school districts under this section
28 are miscellaneous income for purposes of chapter 257 or are
29 considered encumbered. Each school district shall maintain a
30 separate listing within their budgets for payments received
31 and expenditures made pursuant to this section.

32 6. Moneys received under this section shall not be used
33 for payment of any collective bargaining agreement or
34 arbitrator's decision negotiated or awarded under chapter 20.

35 7. For purposes of this chapter, "school district" means a

1 school district, the Iowa braille and sight saving school, the
2 state school for the deaf, the Price laboratory school at the
3 university of northern Iowa, and the institutions under the
4 control of the department of human services enumerated in
5 section 218.1, subsections 1 through 3, 5, 7, and 8. However,
6 notwithstanding subsection 2, the amount of moneys allocated
7 to the institutions under the control of the department of
8 human services enumerated in section 218.1, subsections 1, 2,
9 3, and 5, shall be a total of not more than twenty-two
10 thousand five hundred dollars for each fiscal year, to be
11 distributed proportionately among the four institutions by the
12 department of education.

13 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 256D.3 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
14 IMPERATIVES PROGRAM PLANNING.

15 1. Prior to receiving moneys under this chapter, the board
16 of directors of a school district shall adopt an initial early
17 childhood education plan that supports early childhood
18 education efforts and includes an evaluation component. The
19 plan shall be developed by licensed professional staff of the
20 district, including both teachers and administrators. The
21 plan shall, at a minimum, focus on preparing children to
22 attain or surpass student achievement goals identified
23 pursuant to sections 280.12 and 280.18. The initial plan
24 shall be amended or adopted anew at least once every five
25 years. The early childhood education plan shall be kept on
26 file in the district and a copy of the initial plan,
27 subsequent amendments to the plan, and copies of subsequent
28 plans adopted shall be sent to the appropriate area education
29 agency and the department of education. Progress as
30 determined by the school district, but including progress in
31 preparing children to attain or surpass student achievement
32 goals, shall be included as part of the annual report
33 submitted to the department of education in compliance with
34 sections 280.12 and 280.18.

35 2. Prior to receiving moneys under this chapter, the Iowa

1 braille and sight saving school, the state school for the
2 deaf, and the Price laboratory school at the university of
3 northern Iowa shall each develop an initial early childhood
4 education plan that prepares, or supports and improves,
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6 initial plan shall be amended or adopted anew at least once
7 every five years, and a copy of the initial plan, subsequent
8 amendments to the plan, and copies of subsequent plans adopted
9 shall be sent to the state board of regents and the department
10 of education. An annual progress report, describing progress
11 in attaining student achievement goals, shall be submitted to
12 the state board of regents and the department of education.

13 3. The institutions under the control of the department of
14 human services enumerated in section 218.1, subsections 1
15 through 3, 5, 7, and 8, shall each develop an initial early
16 childhood education plan that prepares a child for, or
17 supports and improves, student achievement and includes an
18 evaluation component. Each institution shall send a copy of
19 the initial plan, subsequent amendments to the plan, and
20 copies of subsequent plans adopted to the departments of human
21 services and education. Each institution shall submit an
22 annual progress report, describing progress in attaining
23 student achievement goals, to the departments of human
24 services and education.

25 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 256D.4 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
26 IMPERATIVES PROGRAM EXPENDITURES.

27 School districts, as defined in section 256D.2, subsection
28 7, shall expend funds received pursuant to section 256D.2 to
29 support education practices, programs, or assistance for
30 kindergarten through grade three that include, but are not
31 limited to, the following: reducing adult to student ratios
32 through the hiring of teachers and adult teaching assistants;
33 reading instruction in phonics; volunteer coordinator
34 programs; implementation of instructional programs designed to
35 improve student achievement in the areas of reading, language

1 arts, and mathematics; parental involvement programs; and
2 contributions toward implementation of an extended school day
3 or year program.

4 EXPLANATION

5 This bill establishes an early childhood education
6 imperatives program and funds the program with an annual
7 appropriation of \$9 million from the state general fund to the
8 department of education.

9 The general assembly finds, according to the bill, that
10 early childhood education programs benefit society and that it
11 is in the best interest of the state to encourage and
12 equitably fund early childhood education programs in public
13 school districts. The bill defines the goals of an eligible
14 early childhood education program and lists the components of
15 developmentally appropriate early childhood education
16 practices, programs, and assistance for kindergarten through
17 grade three that qualify for state funding.

18 The bill provides for a kindergarten through grade three
19 per pupil annual distribution of the funds appropriated, but
20 stipulates that a school district shall receive no less than
21 \$7,500. The bill defines the term "school district" to
22 include the Iowa braille and sight saving school, the state
23 school for the deaf, the Price laboratory school at the
24 university of northern Iowa, Glenwood state hospital-school,
25 Woodward state hospital-school, the mental health institutes
26 located at Cherokee and Independence, the state training
27 school, and the Iowa juvenile home. However, under the bill,
28 the department of education is directed to distribute a total
29 of \$22,500 among four of the institutions under the control of
30 the department of human services: the Glenwood state
31 hospital-school, Woodward state hospital-school, and the
32 mental health institutes located at Cherokee and Independence.

33 The bill also requires school districts to develop and
34 adopt an initial early childhood education plan that prepares
35 a child for, or supports and improves, student achievement and

1 includes an evaluation component. The initial plan shall be
2 amended or replaced at least once every five years and a copy
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 28 and programs that do all of the following: encourage children
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 30 with varied play and work activities and materials of interest
 31 to the children; utilize a physical and interpersonal
 32 environment supportive of learning goals; foster language
 33 development, rudimentary learning, and problem-solving in a
 34 social context with peers and adults; are inclusive of all
 35 children within an age group that may range from age zero to

1 eight; involve interaction between teachers and individual
2 children, small and large teams, and groups of children; honor
3 the cultural diversity and backgrounds of the children;
4 include appropriate assessment; involve parents and others
5 from the community; collaborate with other agencies focused on
6 the health and well-being of children; highlight the
7 children's work; offer at least a daily opportunity for
8 outdoor play; extend individual and small group reading
9 opportunities throughout the day; include curriculum developed
10 to be adaptive to the many possible ways and paces with which
11 children learn; and cause children and parents to look forward
12 to participating in early childhood activities and programs.

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