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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to transportation assistance aid to a school  
2 district and making an appropriation.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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HF 43

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 257.50 TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE  
2 AID TO DISTRICTS.

3 1. The department shall pay transportation assistance aid  
4 to a school district from funds appropriated in this section  
5 to school districts whose average transportation costs per  
6 pupil exceed one hundred twenty-five percent of the state  
7 average transportation costs per pupil determined under  
8 subsection 2.

9 2. A district's average transportation costs per pupil  
10 shall be determined by dividing the district's actual cost for  
11 all children transported in all school buses for a school year  
12 pursuant to section 285.1, subsection 12, by the district's  
13 actual enrollment for the school year, as defined in section  
14 257.6. The state average transportation costs per pupil shall  
15 be determined by dividing the total actual costs for all  
16 children transported in all districts for a school year, by  
17 the total of all districts' actual enrollments for the school  
18 year.

19 3. A school district shall annually certify its actual  
20 cost for all children transported in all school buses by July  
21 15 after each school year on forms prescribed by the  
22 department of education.

23 4. If a school district's average transportation costs per  
24 pupil are greater than one hundred twenty-five percent of the  
25 state average transportation costs per pupil, the department  
26 of education shall pay transportation assistance aid equal to  
27 the amount of the difference multiplied by the district's  
28 actual enrollment for the school year.

29 5. There is appropriated from the general fund of the  
30 state to the department of education, for each fiscal year, an  
31 amount necessary to pay transportation assistance aid pursuant  
32 to this section. Transportation assistance aid is  
33 miscellaneous income for purposes of chapter 257.

34 EXPLANATION

35 This bill provides an appropriation to the department of

1 education in an amount necessary to pay transportation  
2 assistance aid to school districts whose average  
3 transportation costs per pupil exceed 125 percent of the state  
4 average transportation costs per pupil.

5 Districts are required to annually certify their costs for  
6 transportation to the department of education by July 15 after  
7 each school year.

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