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A BILL FOR

1 An Act appropriating additional state aid to school districts for  
2 at-risk pupils and providing effective and applicability date  
3 provisions.

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

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 257.50 ADDITIONAL AID FOR AT-  
2 RISK PUPILS.

3 1. Beginning with the school budget year commencing July  
4 1, 1997, school districts shall receive additional state aid  
5 for at-risk pupils enrolled in a public school in the  
6 district.

7 2. The amount of additional state aid for at-risk pupils a  
8 school district shall receive for a budget year shall be based  
9 on an increasing supplemental weighting factor applied to  
10 school attendance centers encountering above the state  
11 attendance center average percentage of free and reduced price  
12 lunches. No later than October 1 of each budget year, school  
13 districts shall report to the department of education the  
14 percentage of students in each attendance center within that  
15 district qualifying for free and reduced price lunches.

16 3. The department of management shall pay additional state  
17 aid to each school district with one or more attendance  
18 centers above the state attendance center average percentage  
19 of pupils receiving free and reduced price lunches for that  
20 budget year in the manner prescribed as follows:

21 a. The department of management shall determine the number  
22 of attendance centers with a percentage of pupils receiving  
23 free and reduced price lunches above the state average  
24 percentage of pupils receiving free and reduced price lunches  
25 and shall divide those attendance centers into three  
26 categories.

27 b. Each pupil enrolled in the one-third of the attendance  
28 centers with the lowest percentage of pupils qualifying for  
29 additional state aid receives additional weighting of one-  
30 hundredth of a regular pupil.

31 c. Each pupil enrolled in the one-third of the attendance  
32 centers with the next highest percentage of pupils qualifying  
33 for additional state aid receives additional weighting of two-  
34 hundredths of a regular pupil.

35 d. Each pupil enrolled in the one-third of the attendance

1 centers with the highest percentage of pupils qualifying for  
2 additional state aid receives additional weighting of three-  
3 hundredths of a regular pupil.

4 4. Moneys received by a school district for at-risk pupils  
5 under this section may be used throughout the district on  
6 programs for at-risk pupils who are identified using the  
7 primary and secondary risk factors specified in 281 IAC 65.4  
8 and 65.5, who have been identified as at-risk four-year-olds,  
9 who have high absenteeism rates, who are at-risk of dropping  
10 out of school, who have low test scores on standardized tests,  
11 or who exhibit other at-risk factors that the department of  
12 education may specify.

13 5. There is appropriated from the general fund of the  
14 state to the department of management for each fiscal year an  
15 amount sufficient to pay the additional state aid to school  
16 districts under this section. The additional state aid shall  
17 be paid, to the extent possible, in the manner provided in  
18 section 257.16, commencing with the December 15 payment. Aid  
19 received by a school district under this section shall be  
20 miscellaneous income. Moneys appropriated in this section are  
21 in addition to moneys appropriated in section 279.51 and  
22 moneys appropriated by law to supplement that funding.

23 Sec. 2. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance,  
24 takes effect upon enactment for computing state aid for school  
25 budget years beginning on or after July 1, 1997.

26 EXPLANATION

27 This bill provides for additional state aid that may be  
28 used throughout a school district for at-risk pupils, as  
29 identified in Iowa administrative code chapter 281 and through  
30 additional listed risk factors. The amount of additional  
31 state aid appropriated to each district is determined based on  
32 applying an increasing supplemental weighting factor for at-  
33 risk students that varies depending upon the amount by which a  
34 school building within a district exceeds the state free and  
35 reduced price lunch average. Buildings at or below the state

1 average receive no supplemental weighting. For buildings  
2 exceeding the state average, the three levels of supplemental  
3 weighting shall be determined by the department of management,  
4 corresponding to additional weightings of one-tenth of 1  
5 percent of the state average cost per pupil, two-tenths, and  
6 three-tenths, respectively.

7 The bill takes effect upon its enactment and is applicable  
8 for the budget year beginning July 1, 1997.

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