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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to school infrastructure, establishing a school
2 infrastructure fund, and making an appropriation.

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

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 297A.1 SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE
2 FUND -- APPROPRIATION.

3 1. There is appropriated annually from the general fund of
4 the state to the department of education the sum of one
5 hundred million dollars to establish, maintain, and administer
6 a school infrastructure fund.

7 2. Moneys appropriated in subsection 1 shall be allocated
8 to school districts throughout the state on a per pupil basis.
9 The amount of moneys allocated to school districts shall be in
10 the proportion that the basic enrollment of a district bears
11 to the sum of the basic enrollments of all school districts in
12 the state for the budget year.

13 3. The department of management shall allocate to each
14 school district the amount calculated pursuant to subsection 2
15 in one payment on or about October 15 annually, based upon the
16 actual enrollment certified to the department of education for
17 each school district and forwarded to the department of
18 management, taking into consideration the relative budget and
19 cash position of the state resources. By October 1 annually,
20 prior to the receipt of funds, school districts shall submit
21 to the department of education a school infrastructure
22 progress report. The report shall provide adequate assurance
23 that the school district has developed or is developing a
24 school infrastructure plan containing an analysis of school
25 district infrastructure needs, priorities, and an estimated
26 timetable for completion of infrastructure projects or
27 allocation of funds previously received by the school district
28 pursuant to subsection 2.

29 4. Moneys received under this section shall not be
30 commingled with state aid payments made under section 257.16
31 to a school district, and shall be accounted for by the school
32 district separately from state aid payments. Payments made to
33 school districts pursuant to this section are miscellaneous
34 income for purposes of chapter 257 or are considered
35 encumbered. Each school district shall maintain a separate

1 listing within its budget for payments received and
2 expenditures made pursuant to this section. Moneys received
3 under this section shall not be used for payment of any
4 collective bargaining agreement or arbitrator's decision
5 negotiated or awarded under chapter 20.

6 5. For purposes of this chapter, a "school district" shall
7 mean a school district as defined in section 257.2.

8 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 297A.2 SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE
9 EXPENDITURES.

10 1. School districts shall expend funds received pursuant
11 to section 297A.1 for school infrastructure needs. For
12 purposes of this chapter, "school infrastructure" includes the
13 following:

14 a. Activities for which a school district is authorized to
15 contract indebtedness and issue general obligation bonds under
16 section 296.1, except those activities related to a teacher's
17 or superintendent's home or homes. These activities include
18 the construction, reconstruction, repair, purchasing, or
19 remodeling of schoolhouses, stadiums, gyms, fieldhouses, and
20 bus garages.

21 b. Procurement of school house construction sites and the
22 making of site improvements.

23 c. Payment or retirement of outstanding bonds previously
24 issued for school infrastructure purposes, as defined in this
25 subsection, if it is determined by the department of education
26 that the school district has undertaken a serious effort to
27 meet its school infrastructure needs. In making this
28 determination, the department shall consider the relative size
29 and property tax base of the school district, and the
30 information provided to the department in the school
31 district's infrastructure progress report pursuant to section
32 297A.1.

33 d. Maintenance of schoolhouses and school district
34 property.

35 e. School improvement technology programs pursuant to

1 chapter 295, utilized for a school district.

2 2. Funds received by a school district pursuant to this
3 chapter shall not be expended to add a full-time equivalent
4 position or otherwise increase staffing.

5 EXPLANATION

6 This bill provides for the creation of a school
7 infrastructure fund established, maintained, and administered
8 by the department of education, and appropriates annually from
9 the general fund of the state to the department the sum of
10 \$100 million to be allocated to a school districts for school
11 infrastructure purposes. The amount of moneys allocated to
12 school district shall be in the proportion that the basic
13 enrollment of the district bears to the sum of the basic
14 enrollments of all school districts in the state for the
15 budget year. The allocation shall be made to school districts
16 by the department of management in one payment on or about
17 October 15 annually, based upon the actual enrollment
18 certified to the department of education for each school
19 district, taking into consideration the relative budget and
20 cash position of the state resources.

21 Prior to the receipt of funds, by October 1 annually,
22 school districts shall submit to the department of education a
23 school infrastructure progress report providing adequate
24 assurance that the school district has developed or is
25 developing a school infrastructure plan containing an analysis
26 of school district infrastructure needs, priorities, and an
27 estimated timetable for completion of infrastructure projects
28 or allocation of funds received by the school district.

29 The bill provides that school districts shall expend the
30 appropriated funds for school infrastructure needs, which are
31 defined to include the construction, reconstruction, repair,
32 purchasing, or remodeling of schoolhouses, stadiums, gyms,
33 fieldhouses, and bus garages; the procurement of school house
34 construction sites and the making of site improvements; and
35 the payment or retirement of outstanding bonds previously

1 issued for school infrastructure purposes if the department of
2 education determines that the school district has made a
3 significant effort in meeting its infrastructure needs.
4 Additionally, school infrastructure includes the maintenance
5 of schoolhouses and school district property, and school
6 improvement technology programs pursuant to chapter 295.

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