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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 256D.1 LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND  
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7 student achievement in the basic educational subject matters,  
8 such as reading, language arts, and mathematics, and to  
9 accomplish proficiency in those subjects by grade four.  
10 Toward that goal, it is the intent of this chapter to  
11 establish and fund an early education improvement program.

12 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 256D.2 EARLY EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT  
13 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION.

14 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the  
15 state to the department of education for the fiscal year  
16 beginning July 1, 1998, and for each succeeding fiscal year,  
17 the sum of seven million dollars for the early education  
18 improvement program.

19 2. For each fiscal year for which moneys are appropriated  
20 in subsection 1, the amount of moneys allocated to school  
21 districts shall be in the proportion that the basic enrollment  
22 of a district bears to the sum of the basic enrollments of all  
23 school districts in the state for the budget year. However, a  
24 district shall not receive less than ten thousand dollars in a  
25 fiscal year. The Iowa braille and sight saving school, the  
26 state school for the deaf, and the Price laboratory school at  
27 the university of northern Iowa shall annually certify their  
28 basic enrollments to the department of education by October 1.

29 3. For each year for which an appropriation is made to the  
30 early education improvement program, the department of  
31 education shall notify the department of revenue and finance  
32 of the amount to be paid to each school district based upon  
33 the distribution plan set forth for the appropriation made  
34 pursuant to this section. The allocation to each school  
35 district under this section shall be made in one payment on or

1 about October 15 of the fiscal year for which the  
2 appropriation is made, taking into consideration the relative  
3 budget and cash position of the state resources.

4 4. Moneys received under this section shall not be  
5 commingled with state aid payments made under section 257.16  
6 to a school district and shall be accounted for by the school  
7 district separately from state aid payments.

8 5. Payments made to school districts under this section  
9 are miscellaneous income for purposes of chapter 257 and are  
10 considered encumbered. Each school district shall maintain a  
11 separate listing within their budgets for payments received  
12 and expenditures made pursuant to this section.

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

16 7. For purposes of this chapter, "school district" means a  
17 public school district, the Iowa braille and sight saving  
18 school, the state school for the deaf, and the Price  
19 laboratory school at the university of northern Iowa.

20 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 256D.3 EARLY EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT  
21 PROGRAM -- REPORTS.

22 1. Progress, as determined by school districts through  
23 appropriate assessments, for children enrolled in kindergarten  
24 through grade three in attaining or surpassing student  
25 achievement goals as established under the accreditation  
26 process in chapter 256, and an accounting of the use of the  
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33 received under this chapter to supplement, and not to  
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2 2. Progress, as determined individually by the Iowa  
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18 3. The department shall submit, to the chairpersons and  
19 ranking members of the house and senate education committees  
20 by January 1, 2000, a report describing the ways in which the  
21 school districts are making use of the moneys received under  
22 this chapter, and including the school districts, if any, that  
23 used moneys received under this chapter to supplant funds the  
24 school district was already receiving for kindergarten through  
25 grade three education purposes.

26 4. The department shall submit, to the chairpersons and  
27 ranking members of the house and senate education committees  
28 by January 1, 2002, a report describing school district  
29 progress on attaining or surpassing student achievement goals.

30 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 256D.4 EARLY EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT  
31 PROGRAM EXPENDITURES.

32 School districts shall expend funds received pursuant to  
33 section 256D.2 to support education practices, programs, or  
34 assistance for kindergarten through grade three that include,  
35 but are not limited to, the following: reducing adult to

1 student ratios through the hiring of teachers and adult  
2 teaching assistants; volunteer coordinator programs;  
3 implementation of instructional programs designed to improve  
4 student achievement in the areas of reading, language arts,  
5 and mathematics; parental involvement programs; and  
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7 or year program.

8 Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. 256D.5 FUTURE REPEAL.

9 This chapter is repealed effective July 1, 2002.

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EXPLANATION

11 This bill establishes an early education improvement  
12 program, focused on kindergarten through grade three, with an  
13 annual appropriation of \$7 million from the state general fund  
14 to the department of education.

15 The general assembly finds, according to the bill, that it  
16 is in the best interest of the state to encourage and fund  
17 early education programs in public school districts. The bill  
18 defines the goals of an eligible early education improvement  
19 program and lists the components of early education practices  
20 and programs for which state funding may be expended.

21 The bill provides for a per pupil annual distribution of  
22 the funds appropriated, but stipulates that a school district  
23 shall receive no less than \$10,000. The bill defines the term  
24 "school district" to include public school districts, the Iowa  
25 braille and sight saving school, the state school for the  
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28 The bill requires that school districts report to the  
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