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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing state aid for school district transportation
2 costs and providing an appropriation.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 257.9, subsection 2, Code 1997, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. REGULAR PROGRAM STATE COST PER PUPIL FOR 1992-1993 AND
4 SUCCEEDING-YEARS THROUGH 1997-1998. For the budget year
5 beginning July 1, 1992, and succeeding budget years until June
6 30, 1998, the regular program state cost per pupil for a
7 budget year is the regular program state cost per pupil for
8 the base year plus the regular program allowable growth for
9 the budget year.

10 Sec. 2. Section 257.9, Code 1997, is amended by adding the
11 following new subsections:

12 NEW SUBSECTION. 2A. REGULAR PROGRAM STATE COST PER PUPIL
13 FOR 1998-1999. For the budget year beginning July 1, 1998,
14 the regular program state cost per pupil is the regular
15 program state cost per pupil for the budget year beginning
16 July 1, 1998, determined under section 257.9, subsection 2,
17 Code 1997, minus the transportation cost increment.

18 For the purpose of this subsection, the transportation cost
19 increment is determined as follows:

20 a. Calculate the sum of all school districts' actual
21 transportation costs for all children transported in all
22 school buses for the base year pursuant to section 285.1,
23 subsection 12, minus the total amount districts received for
24 transporting nonpublic school pupils under section 285.1, and
25 divide that sum by the statewide budget enrollment for the
26 base year.

27 b. Add an allowable growth amount determined by
28 multiplying the state percent of growth by the sum obtained in
29 paragraph "a".

30 NEW SUBSECTION. 2B. REGULAR PROGRAM STATE COST PER PUPIL
31 FOR 1999-2000 AND SUCCEEDING YEARS. For the budget year
32 beginning July 1, 1999, and succeeding budget years, the
33 regular program state cost per pupil for a budget year is the
34 regular program state cost per pupil for the base year plus
35 the regular program allowable growth for the budget year.

1 Sec. 3. Section 257.10, subsection 2, Code 1997, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. REGULAR PROGRAM DISTRICT COST PER PUPIL FOR 1992-1993
4 AND-SUCCEEDING-YEARS THROUGH 1997-1998.

5 a. For the budget year beginning July 1, 1992, and
6 succeeding budget years until June 30, 1998, the regular
7 program district cost per pupil for each school district for a
8 budget year is the regular program district cost per pupil for
9 the base year plus the regular program allowable growth for
10 the budget year except as otherwise provided in this
11 subsection.

12 b. If the regular program district cost per pupil of a
13 school district for the budget year under paragraph "a"
14 exceeds one hundred five percent of the regular program state
15 cost per pupil for the budget year and the state percent of
16 growth for the budget year is greater than two percent, the
17 regular program district cost per pupil for the budget year
18 for that district shall be reduced to one hundred five percent
19 of the regular program state cost per pupil for the budget
20 year. However, if the difference between the regular program
21 district cost per pupil for the budget year and the regular
22 program state cost per pupil for the budget year is greater
23 than an amount equal to two percent multiplied by the regular
24 program state cost per pupil for the base year, the regular
25 program district cost per pupil for the budget year shall be
26 reduced by the amount equal to two percent multiplied by the
27 regular program state cost per pupil for the base year.

28 Sec. 4. Section 257.10, Code 1997, is amended by adding
29 the following new subsection:

30 NEW SUBSECTION. 2A. REGULAR PROGRAM DISTRICT COST PER
31 PUPIL FOR 1998-1999. For the budget year beginning July 1,
32 1998, the regular program district cost per pupil for a
33 district is the regular program district cost per pupil for
34 the budget year beginning July 1, 1998, calculated under
35 section 257.10, subsection 2, Code 1997, minus the district

1 transportation cost increment. For the purpose of this
2 subsection, the district transportation cost increment is
3 calculated as follows:

4 a. Calculate the sum of the district's actual
5 transportation costs for all children transported in all
6 school buses in the district for the base year pursuant to
7 section 285.1, subsection 12, minus the amount the district
8 received for transporting nonpublic school pupils under
9 section 285.1, divided by the district's budget enrollment for
10 the base year.

11 b. Add the allowable growth amount calculated in section
12 257.9, subsection 2A.

13 NEW SUBSECTION. 2B. REGULAR PROGRAM DISTRICT COST PER
14 PUPIL FOR 1999-2000 AND SUCCEEDING YEARS. For the budget year
15 beginning July 1, 1999, and succeeding budget years, the
16 regular program district cost per pupil for a budget year is
17 the regular program district cost per pupil for the base year
18 plus the regular program allowable growth for the budget year.

19 Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. 257.50 STATE AID FOR
20 TRANSPORTATION.

21 1. For the budget year beginning July 1, 1998, and
22 succeeding budget years, there is appropriated from the
23 general fund of the state to the department of management for
24 distribution to school districts which provide transportation
25 to the public pupils pursuant to chapter 285 an amount
26 sufficient to pay state transportation aid for such
27 transportation at the following rates:

28 a. Thirty dollars per school year per elementary pupil
29 transported whose residence is at least two miles and not more
30 than five miles from the school attended, and per high school
31 pupil transported whose residence is at least three miles and
32 not more than five miles from the school attended.

33 b. Forty-five dollars per school year per elementary or
34 high school pupil transported whose residence is at least five
35 miles and not more than eight miles from the school attended.

1 c. Sixty dollars per school year per elementary or high
2 school pupil transported whose residence is at least eight
3 miles and not more than twelve miles from the school attended.

4 d. Sixty-eight dollars per school year per elementary or
5 high school pupil transported whose residence is at least
6 twelve miles and not more than fifteen miles from the school
7 attended.

8 e. Seventy-five dollars per school year per elementary or
9 high school pupil transported whose residence is at least
10 fifteen miles and not more than eighteen miles from the school
11 attended.

12 f. Eighty-five dollars per school year per elementary or
13 high school pupil transported whose residence is more than
14 eighteen miles from the school attended.

15 2. State aid paid pursuant to subsection 1 shall be
16 utilized to pay for the cost of transportation directly
17 provided by a school district or to compensate a district for
18 reimbursement expenses. State aid shall not exceed the actual
19 transportation costs incurred by a school district for the
20 school year, and shall be reduced proportionately in the case
21 of a pupil transported for less than a full school year due to
22 relocation to another school district or change in enrollment
23 status.

24 3. A school district shall annually certify mileage
25 figures to the department by the third Friday in September,
26 beginning with the third Friday in September 1997, for use in
27 budget calculations for the following budget year.

28 4. State aid paid pursuant to subsection 1 is
29 miscellaneous income and shall be paid together with state
30 foundation aid paid under section 257.16.

31 5. For the purposes of this section, "high school" means
32 high school as defined in section 285.1, subsection 1.

33 EXPLANATION

34 This bill provides that the calculation of state aid for
35 transportation costs incurred by school districts in

1 transporting public elementary and high school pupils to and
2 from school pursuant to Code chapter 285 is changed beginning
3 with the budget year beginning with July 1, 1998. Money is
4 appropriated for districts to receive aid for transportation
5 costs calculated as a dollar amount per pupil per school year
6 based on the distances traveled between the pupil's residence
7 and the school. Currently, transportation costs for public
8 school pupils are incorporated into the state school
9 foundation formula. The bill provides that the department of
10 management shall recalculate state cost per pupil and district
11 per pupil by subtracting transportation costs per pupil from
12 those figures.

13 The bill provides that state aid for transportation shall
14 not exceed the actual transportation cost incurred by a
15 district, and shall be reduced proportionately in the case of
16 a pupil transported for less than a full school year due to
17 relocation or change in enrollment status. The transportation
18 aid is miscellaneous income for purposes of the state school
19 foundation formula.

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