

SENATE FILE 55  
BY KIBBIE

Passed Senate, Date \_\_\_\_\_ Passed House, Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Vote: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_  
Approved \_\_\_\_\_

A BILL FOR

1 An Act increasing the amount of the regular program district cost  
2 guarantee for school districts and providing an effective  
3 date.

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

5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25

S  
S  
S  
S

1 Section 1. Section 257.1, subsection 2, unnumbered  
2 paragraph 3, Code 1997, is amended to read as follows:

3 For the budget year commencing July 1, ~~1995~~ 1997, the  
4 department of management shall add the amount of the  
5 additional budget adjustment computed in section 257.14,  
6 subsection 2, to the combined foundation base.

7 Sec. 2. Section 257.14, subsections 1 and 2, Code 1997,  
8 are amended to read as follows:

9 1. For the budget ~~years~~ year commencing ~~July 1, 1991, July~~  
10 ~~1, 1992, July 1, 1993, July 1, 1994, July 1, 1995,~~ and July 1,  
11 ~~1996~~ 1997, if the department of management determines that the  
12 regular program district cost of a school district for a  
13 budget year is less than the total of the regular program  
14 district cost plus any adjustment added under this section for  
15 the base year for that school district, the department of  
16 management shall provide a budget adjustment for that district  
17 for that budget year that is equal to the difference.

18 2. For the budget year beginning July 1, ~~1995~~ 1997, if the  
19 department of management determines that the regular program  
20 district cost plus the budget adjustment computed under  
21 subsection 1 of a school district is less than one hundred one  
22 percent of the total of the regular program district cost plus  
23 any adjustment added under this section for the base year for  
24 that school district, the department of management shall  
25 provide an additional budget adjustment for that budget year  
26 that is equal to the difference.

27 Sec. 3. Section 257.14, subsection 3, Code 1997, is  
28 amended by striking the subsection.

29 Sec. 4. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance,  
30 takes effect upon enactment for the purpose of computations  
31 required for the budget year beginning July 1, 1997.

32 EXPLANATION

33 This bill directs the department of management to provide a  
34 budget adjustment to ensure that a school district's regular  
35 program district cost is not less than 101 percent of the

1 level of the previous budget year. Currently, a school  
2 district's regular program district cost for the budget year  
3 beginning July 1, 1996, is guaranteed to equal at least 100  
4 percent of the district cost plus any cost guarantee  
5 adjustment for the previous school budget year. The bill  
6 provides that the additional 1 percent will be added to the  
7 combined foundation base for the budget year beginning July 1,  
8 1997, and will be paid as state foundation aid rather than as  
9 property tax revenues. The bill also strikes an outdated  
10 subsection.

11 The bill provides for an immediate effective date.

12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29  
30  
31  
32  
33  
34  
35