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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for the elimination of special education
2 deficits incurred by school districts and making an
3 appropriation.

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

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1 Section 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of
2 the state to the department of education for the fiscal year
3 beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2000, the
4 following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
5 used for the purpose designated:

6 For the elimination of certified negative balances in
7 school district funds raised for special education instruction
8 programs for the school budget year beginning July 1, 1998,
9 and ending June 30, 1999:

10 \$22,000,000

11 Sec. 2. The funds appropriated in section 1 of this Act
12 shall be allocated by the department to the school budget
13 review committee for distribution to school districts for
14 which the committee, pursuant to section 257.31, subsection
15 14, has certified to the director of the department of
16 management a negative balance of funds for the school budget
17 year beginning July 1, 1998, and ending June 30, 1999. The
18 funds appropriated shall be considered supplemental aid and
19 added to the supplemental aid otherwise payable and
20 distributed pursuant to section 257.31, subsection 14,
21 paragraph "b". For purposes of the funds appropriated in
22 section 1, however, the provisions of section 257.31,
23 subsection 14, paragraph "b", relating to supplemental aid
24 being payable in an amount equal to the state aid portion of a
25 school district's negative balance, and eligibility to receive
26 funds being contingent on an increase in allowable growth for
27 the year following the budget year, respectively, shall not
28 apply.

29 If funds appropriated in section 2 of this Act are
30 insufficient to fully eliminate the negative special education
31 balances for all school districts, distribution shall be made
32 on a pro rata basis in proportion to the ratio which the
33 negative special education balance for a school district bears
34 to the sum of the negative special education balances for all
35 school districts reporting such balances to the school budget

1 review committee for the budget year beginning July 1, 1998,
2 and ending June 30, 1999. School districts receiving prorated
3 distributions may apply to the school budget review committee
4 for supplemental aid pursuant to section 257.31, subsection 5,
5 paragraph "h", in an amount equal to the difference between
6 the distribution received and the negative special education
7 balance certified.

8 EXPLANATION

9 This bill appropriates \$22 million from the general fund of
10 the state to the department of education for the fiscal year
11 beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2000. The
12 appropriated funds shall be allocated by the department to the
13 school budget review committee for distribution to school
14 districts which incurred a negative balance of funds for
15 special education instruction for the school budget year
16 beginning July 1, 1998, and ending June 30, 1999, and shall be
17 considered supplemental aid distributed pursuant to Code
18 section 257.31, subsection 14, paragraph "b".

19 If the appropriated funds are not sufficient to fully
20 eliminate the negative special education balances for all
21 school districts, the bill provides that distribution shall be
22 made on a pro rata basis in proportion to the ratio which the
23 negative special education balance for a school district bears
24 to the sum of the negative special education balances for all
25 school districts reporting such balances to the school budget
26 review committee for the budget year beginning July 1, 1998,
27 and ending June 30, 1999. The bill provides that school
28 districts receiving prorated distributions may apply to the
29 school budget review committee for supplemental aid pursuant
30 to Code section 257.31, subsection 5, paragraph "h".

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