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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing additional state aid to school districts for at-
2 risk programs, and providing an effective date.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 257.1, subsection 2, unnumbered
2 paragraph 2, Code Supplement 1999, is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 For the budget year commencing July 1, 1999, and for each
5 succeeding budget year the regular program foundation base per
6 pupil is eighty-seven and five-tenths percent of the regular
7 program state cost per pupil. For the budget year beginning
8 July 1, 2000, this amount shall be increased by an additional
9 amount determined pursuant to section 257.10, subsection 2,
10 paragraph "c". For the budget year commencing July 1, 1991,
11 and for each succeeding budget year the special education
12 support services foundation base is seventy-nine percent of
13 the special education support services state cost per pupil.
14 The combined foundation base is the sum of the regular program
15 foundation base and the special education support services
16 foundation base.

17 Sec. 2. Section 257.10, subsection 2, Code Supplement
18 1999, is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

19 NEW PARAGRAPH. c. For the budget year beginning July 1,
20 2000, the regular program district cost per pupil determined
21 pursuant to paragraph "a" for each school district shall be
22 increased by an amount equal to ten million dollars times the
23 budget enrollment for that school district divided by the
24 combined budget enrollment for all school districts in the
25 state. Notwithstanding paragraph "b", the regular program
26 district cost per pupil shall not be subject to a reduction if
27 the regular program district cost per pupil would not have
28 exceeded one hundred five percent of the regular program state
29 cost per pupil but for the increase received pursuant to this
30 paragraph. For purposes of determining the amount of a budget
31 adjustment as defined in section 257.14, the increase received
32 pursuant to this paragraph shall be subtracted from the school
33 district's regular program district cost per pupil for the
34 budget year beginning July 1, 2000, prior to determining the
35 amount of the adjustment.

1 alternative programs.

2 Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
3 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

4 EXPLANATION

5 This bill provides for additional state aid to school
6 districts for at-risk programs. The bill provides that the
7 regular program foundation base per pupil, and the district
8 cost per pupil, shall be increased by an amount equal to \$10
9 million divided by the combined budget enrollment for each
10 school district in the state, for the school budget year
11 beginning July 1, 2000. The bill provides that the increase
12 in district cost per pupil shall be utilized by school
13 districts to develop or maintain at-risk pupils programs or
14 alternative programs, including alternative high school
15 programs, for pupils in grades nine through 12.

16 The bill also provides that the increase in district cost
17 per pupil shall not be counted for purposes of determining
18 whether or not the regular program district cost of a school
19 district exceeds 105 percent of the regular program state cost
20 per pupil, which would otherwise result in a reduction in
21 district cost per pupil pursuant to Code section 257.10,
22 subsection 2, paragraph "b". The bill additionally provides
23 that for purposes of determining the amount of a budget
24 adjustment pursuant to Code section 257.14, the increase shall
25 be subtracted from the school district's regular program
26 district cost per pupil for the budget year beginning July 1,
27 2000, prior to determining the amount of the adjustment. The
28 bill provides that school districts shall no longer be
29 eligible for supplementary weighting currently received for
30 pupils enrolled in shared alternative high school programs
31 between school districts pursuant to Code section 257.11,
32 subsection 2.

33 The bill takes effect upon enactment.

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