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A BILL FOR

1 An Act making a standing appropriation to the school budget
2 review committee to grant transportation assistance aid to
3 certain school districts.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 257.31, subsection 17, Code 1999, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 17. a. If a district's average transportation costs per
4 pupil exceed the state average transportation costs per pupil
5 determined under paragraph "c" by one hundred fifty percent,
6 the committee may grant transportation assistance aid to the
7 district pursuant to rules adopted by the committee. Such aid
8 shall be miscellaneous income and shall not be included in
9 district cost.

10 b. To be eligible for transportation assistance aid, a
11 school district shall annually certify its actual cost for all
12 children transported in all school buses not later than July
13 31 after each school year on forms prescribed by the
14 committee.

15 c. A district's average transportation costs per pupil
16 shall be determined by dividing the district's actual cost for
17 all children transported in all school buses for a school year
18 pursuant to section 285.1, subsection 12, less the amount
19 received for transporting nonpublic school pupils under
20 section 285.1, by the district's actual enrollment for the
21 school year excluding the shared-time enrollment for the
22 school year as defined in section 257.6. The state average
23 transportation costs per pupil shall be determined by dividing
24 the total actual costs for all children transported in all
25 districts for a school year, by the total of all districts'
26 actual enrollments for the school year.

27 d. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
28 state to the committee, for each fiscal year, an amount
29 sufficient to pay the transportation assistance aid to school
30 districts as provided in this subsection. Funds transferred
31 to the committee in accordance with section 321.34, subsection
32 22, are also appropriated to the committee and may be expended
33 for the purposes of ~~the committee, as described in this~~
34 section this subsection. ~~However, highest priority shall be~~
35 ~~given to districts that meet the conditions described in this~~

1 subsection: Notwithstanding any other provision of the Code,
2 unencumbered or unobligated funds appropriated to the
3 committee pursuant to this paragraph or transferred to the
4 committee pursuant to section 321.34, subsection 22, remaining
5 on June 30 of the fiscal year for which the funds were
6 appropriated or transferred, shall not revert but shall be
7 available for expenditure for the purposes of this subsection
8 in subsequent fiscal years.

9 | e. The committee shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A
10 for granting transportation assistance aid and for otherwise
11 administering this subsection.

12 EXPLANATION

13 | This bill appropriates funds each year beginning July 1,
14 1999, to the school budget review committee in an amount
15 sufficient to pay transportation assistance aid to school
16 districts which have average transportation costs per pupil
17 that exceed the state average transportation costs per pupil
18 by 150 percent. Rules relating to granting such aid are to be
19 adopted by the committee pursuant to chapter 17A. Currently,
20 the school budget review committee receives funds for the
21 transportation assistance aid from fees for special motor
22 vehicle registration plates with education emblems pursuant to
23 Code section 321.34.

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