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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act providing for an increase in the regular program  
2 foundation base per pupil for the portion of weighted  
3 enrollment that is additional enrollment because of special  
4 education and the special education support services  
5 foundation base, and including an effective date and  
6 applicability provision.

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

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SF 206  
EDUCATION

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

3 For the budget year commencing July 1, ~~1996~~ 1999, and for  
4 each succeeding budget year the regular program foundation  
5 base per pupil is eighty-seven and five-tenths percent of the  
6 regular program state cost per pupil, ~~except that~~ the regular  
7 program foundation base per pupil for the portion of weighted  
8 enrollment that is additional enrollment because of special  
9 education is ~~seventy-nine~~ eighty-seven and five-tenths percent  
10 of the regular program state cost per pupil. ~~For the budget~~  
11 ~~year commencing July 1, 1991, and for each succeeding budget~~  
12 ~~year,~~ and the special education support services foundation  
13 base is ~~seventy-nine~~ eighty-seven and five-tenths percent of  
14 the special education support services state cost per pupil.  
15 The combined foundation base is the sum of the regular program  
16 foundation base and the special education support services  
17 foundation base.

18 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of  
19 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment and applies  
20 to the computation of school foundation aid payable during  
21 school budget years beginning on or after July 1, 1999.

22 EXPLANATION

23 This bill provides for an increase in the regular program  
24 foundation base per pupil for the portion of weighted  
25 enrollment that is additional enrollment because of special  
26 education, and the special education support services  
27 foundation base levels to the level of the regular program  
28 foundation base per pupil of 87.5 percent. The bill would  
29 take effect upon enactment for purposes of computation of  
30 school foundation aid payable during school budget years  
31 beginning on or after July 1, 1999.

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**SENATE FILE 206  
FISCAL NOTE**

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A fiscal note for Senate File 206 is hereby submitted pursuant to Joint Rule 17. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to members of the Legislature upon request.

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Senate File 206 increases the School Aid Foundation Formula level for the portion of weighted enrollment attributed to Special Education from 79.0% to 87.5% for the school year beginning July 1, 1999.

**BACKGROUND**

School districts and Area Education Agencies receive additional funding for students requiring Special Education services. The amount of additional funding received depends on the classification of Special Education students among three supplementary weighting levels. For students in the Level 1 classification, a weight of 0.68 is added to the regular program weight of 1.00. For Level 2 students, an additional weight of 1.35 is added to the school district's enrollment count. For Level 3 students, an additional weight of 2.74 is added to the school district's enrollment count. As determined by the December 1998 Special Education enrollment count, the supplementary weighting totals that will be used to determine the amount of funding for Special Education programs for FY 2000 are 29,590.88 for Level 1, 14,040.56 for Level 2, and 17,815.48 for Level 3.

**ASSUMPTIONS**

1. The rate of allowable growth is 3.0% for FY 2000 and it is 4.0% for FY 2001.
2. The valuation of taxable property increases by 3.0% per year for both FY 2000 and FY 2001.
3. Special Education weighted enrollment for FY 2000 is determined based on the December 1998 certified count, and Special Education weighted enrollment for FY 2001 increases by 5.0% from the FY 2000 amount.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Senate File 206 is expected to result in an increase in State General Fund expenditures of \$30.0 million for FY 2000 and of \$33.2 million for FY 2001.

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