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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act providing supplementary weighting for determining  
2 enrollment in school districts involved in district-to-  
3 district or district-to-community-college sharing programs,  
4 alternative high school programs, and providing an effective  
5 date.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 257.11, Code 1999, is amended by  
2 striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the  
3 following:

4 257.11 SUPPLEMENTARY WEIGHTING.

5 1. REGULAR CURRICULUM. Pupils in a regular curriculum  
6 attending all their classes in the district in which they  
7 reside, taught by teachers employed by that district, and  
8 having administrators employed by that district, are assigned  
9 a weighting of one.

10 2. DISTRICT-TO-DISTRICT SHARING.

11 a. In order to provide additional funds for school  
12 districts which send their resident pupils to another school  
13 district, which jointly employ and share the services of  
14 teachers under section 280.15, or which use the services of a  
15 teacher employed by another school district, a supplementary  
16 weighting plan for determining enrollment is adopted.

17 b. If the school budget review committee certifies to the  
18 department of management that the shared classes or teachers  
19 would otherwise not be implemented without the assignment of  
20 additional weighting, pupils attending classes in another  
21 school district, attending classes taught by a teacher who is  
22 employed jointly under section 280.15, or attending classes  
23 taught by a teacher who is employed by another school  
24 district, are assigned a weighting, in addition to the  
25 weighting assigned in subsection 1, of forty-eight hundredths  
26 of the percentage of the pupil's school day during which the  
27 pupil attends classes in another district, attends classes  
28 taught by a teacher who is jointly employed under section  
29 280.15, or attends classes taught by a teacher who is employed  
30 by another school district.

31 3. DISTRICT-TO-COMMUNITY-COLLEGE SHARING.

32 a. In order to provide additional funds for school  
33 districts which send their resident pupils to a community  
34 college for classes, a supplementary weighting plan for  
35 determining enrollment is adopted.

1 b. If the school budget review committee certifies to the  
2 department of management that the class would not otherwise be  
3 implemented without the assignment of additional weighting,  
4 pupils attending a community college-offered class or  
5 attending a class taught by a community college-employed  
6 teacher are assigned a weighting, in addition to the weighting  
7 assigned in subsection 1, of forty-eight hundredths of the  
8 percentage of the pupil's school day during which the pupil  
9 attends class in the community college or attends a class  
10 taught by a community college-employed teacher. The following  
11 requirements shall be met for the purposes of assigning an  
12 additional weighting for classes offered through a sharing  
13 agreement between a school district and community college.  
14 The class must be:

15 (1) Supplementing high school classes and not supplanting  
16 a class that was offered in the preceding year or the second  
17 preceding year.

18 (2) Included in the community college catalog or other  
19 official college literature describing class offerings.

20 (3) Open to all registered community college students, not  
21 just high school students.

22 (4) For college credit and the credit must apply toward an  
23 associate of arts or associate of science degree, or toward an  
24 associate of applied arts or associate of applied science  
25 degree, or toward completion of a diploma program.

26 (5) Taught by a teacher meeting requirements for providing  
27 instruction at the community college level.

28 (6) Taught utilizing the class syllabus approved by the  
29 community college.

30 (7) Of the same quality as a class offered on a community  
31 college campus.

32 4. ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOLS.

33 a. In order to provide additional funding to school  
34 districts for alternative high school programs, a  
35 supplementary weighting plan for alternative high school

1 pupils is adopted. A supplementary weighting of thirteen  
2 thousandths per pupil shall be assigned to the percentage of  
3 pupils in a school district enrolled in grades one through  
4 six, as reported by the school district on the basic  
5 educational data survey for the base year, who are eligible  
6 for free lunches under the federal National School Lunch Act  
7 and the federal Child Nutrition Act of 1966, 42 U.S.C. § 1751-  
8 1785, multiplied by the enrollment in grades eleven and twelve  
9 in the school district. Amounts received as supplementary  
10 weighting for alternative high school pupils shall be utilized  
11 by a school district to develop or maintain alternative high  
12 school programs within the district, either through  
13 facilitation of a program provided by the school district,  
14 through a shared program with another school district, or  
15 through a shared program with a community college that would  
16 otherwise not receive funding pursuant to this section.  
17 Amounts received shall be in addition to and not supplanting  
18 moneys appropriated in section 279.51 and moneys otherwise  
19 appropriated by law to supplement that funding.

20 b. Notwithstanding paragraph "a", a school district which  
21 received supplementary weighting for an alternative high  
22 school program offered by a community college for the school  
23 budget year beginning July 1, 1999, shall receive one hundred  
24 percent of that amount for the school budget year beginning  
25 July 1, 2000. Effective for the school budget year beginning  
26 July 1, 2001, and for succeeding budget years, a school  
27 district which received supplementary weighting for an  
28 alternative high school program offered by a community college  
29 for the school budget year beginning July 1, 1999, shall  
30 receive a twenty-five percent reduction in that amount each  
31 year until the amount generated by the supplementary weighting  
32 authorized in paragraph "a" is reached. If, for the school  
33 budget year beginning July 1, 2000, and succeeding budget  
34 years, the amount generated by the supplementary weighting  
35 authorized in paragraph "a" exceeds the amount which would be

1 received pursuant to this paragraph, the amount generated by  
2 the supplementary weighting authorized in paragraph "a" may be  
3 utilized.

4 5. SHARED CLASSES DELIVERED OVER THE IOWA COMMUNICATIONS  
5 NETWORK. A pupil attending a class in which students from one  
6 or more other school districts are enrolled and which is  
7 taught via the Iowa communications network is not deemed to be  
8 attending a class in another school district or in a community  
9 college for the purposes of this section and the school  
10 district is not eligible for supplementary weighting for that  
11 class under this section.

12 6. PUPILS INELIGIBLE. A pupil eligible for the weighting  
13 plan provided in section 256B.9 is not eligible for  
14 supplementary weighting pursuant to this section.

15 Sec. 2. Section 257.12, Code 1999, is repealed.

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

18 EXPLANATION

19 This bill provides supplementary weighting for determining  
20 enrollment in school districts which are involved in sharing  
21 programs on a district-to-district, or district-to-community-  
22 college basis, and for alternative high school programs.

23 For purposes of determining the amount of supplementary  
24 weighting, pupils in a regular curriculum attending all their  
25 classes in the district in which they reside, taught by  
26 teachers employed by that district, and having administrators  
27 employed by that district, are assigned a weighting of one.

28 The bill provides that school districts which send their  
29 resident pupils to another school district, which jointly  
30 employ and share the services of teachers under Code section  
31 280.15, or which use the services of a teacher employed by  
32 another school district, will have assigned to the pupils an  
33 additional weighting of .48 of the percentage of the pupil's  
34 school day during which the pupil is involved in the shared  
35 program. In order to receive the supplementary weighting, the

1 school budget review committee must certify to the department  
2 of management that the shared classes or teachers would  
3 otherwise not be implemented without the assignment of  
4 additional weighting.

5 The bill also provides that school districts which send  
6 their resident pupils to a community college-offered class or  
7 to a class taught by a community college-employed teacher will  
8 have assigned to the pupils an additional weighting of .48 of  
9 the percentage of the pupil's school day during which the  
10 pupil is involved in the shared program, if the school budget  
11 review committee certifies to the department of management  
12 that the class would not otherwise be implemented without the  
13 assignment of the supplementary weighting. The bill provides  
14 that a number of requirements must be met regarding the nature  
15 of the class or classes being taken in order to qualify for  
16 supplementary weighting for programs shared by a district with  
17 a community college.

18 The bill additionally provides that school districts will  
19 receive supplementary weighting for alternative high school  
20 programs. A weighting of .013 per pupil will be assigned for  
21 pupils in grades 11 and 12, based on the number of pupils  
22 enrolled in grades one through six who are eligible for free  
23 lunches. The bill provides that enrollment refers to the  
24 enrollment reported by the school district on the basic  
25 educational data survey for the base year. The bill provides  
26 that amounts received as supplemental weighting for  
27 alternative high school pupils shall be utilized by a school  
28 district to develop or maintain alternative high school  
29 programs within the district, either through facilitation of a  
30 program provided by the school district, a shared program with  
31 another school district, or a shared program with a community  
32 college that would otherwise not receive funding pursuant to  
33 this section. This bill provides that funds received will be  
34 in addition to and not supplanting other at-risk program  
35 moneys appropriated in Code section 279.51 and moneys

1 otherwise appropriated by law to supplement that funding. The  
2 bill provides that a school district which received  
3 supplementary weighting for an alternative high school program  
4 offered by a community college for the school budget year  
5 beginning July 1, 1999, will receive 100 percent of that  
6 amount for the school budget year beginning July 1, 2000, and  
7 an amount for succeeding budget years representing a 25  
8 percent decrease each year until the amount generated by the  
9 supplementary weighting authorized in the bill is reached.  
10 The bill further provides that if the amount of supplementary  
11 weighting authorized in the bill exceeds these amounts, the  
12 amount authorized in the bill may be utilized.

13 The bill provides that pupils attending a class in which  
14 students from one or more other school districts are enrolled,  
15 which is taught via the Iowa communications network, will not  
16 be considered to be attending a class in another school  
17 district or in a community college for purposes of qualifying  
18 for supplementary weighting. The bill further provides that  
19 pupils eligible for special education weighting pursuant to  
20 Code section 256B.9 will not be eligible for supplementary  
21 weighting for shared programs between school districts or  
22 between a school district and a community college.

23 Additionally, the bill provides for the deletion of  
24 provisions which previously authorized supplementary  
25 weighting. The deleted provisions relate to the addition of  
26 supplementary weighting amounts for school districts entering  
27 into a whole grade sharing agreement pursuant to Code sections  
28 282.10 through 282.12 beginning with the budget year beginning  
29 on July 1, 1993, and for a five-year period for school  
30 districts entering into a whole grade sharing agreement for  
31 the budget years beginning July 1, 1991, and July 1, 1992.  
32 Also deleted are provisions which had authorized supplementary  
33 weighting for a five-year duration for school districts  
34 entering into an agreement involving the joint employment of a  
35 superintendent for the budget years beginning July 1, 1991,

1 and July 1, 1992, and supplementary weighting for a six-year  
2 period for school districts undergoing a reorganization taking  
3 effect on or before July 1, 1993. The bill further deletes  
4 previously authorized supplementary weighting for shared  
5 mathematics, science, and language classes for the budget  
6 years beginning July 1, 1991, and July 1, 1992, and provisions  
7 relating to the rounding off of supplementary weighting  
8 calculations.

9 The bill takes effect upon enactment.

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