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SENATE FILE 2270

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for the inclusion of nonpublic school pupils in
 2 the enrollment count for special education support services
 3 funding purposes.

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

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SF 2270 EDUCATION

1 Section 1. Section 257.6, subsection 5, unnumbered
2 paragraph 2, Code 1999, is amended to read as follows:

3 Weighted enrollment for special education support services
4 costs is equal to the weighted enrollment for public and
5 nonpublic school pupils minus the additional pupils added due
6 to the application of the supplementary weighting.

7 Sec. 2. Section 257.9, subsections 3 and 4, Code 1999, are
8 amended by striking the subsections and inserting in lieu
9 thereof the following:

10 3. SPECIAL EDUCATION SUPPORT SERVICES STATE COST PER PUPIL
11 FOR 2000-2001. For the budget year beginning July 1, 2000,
12 for the special education support services state cost per
13 pupil, the department of management shall divide the total of
14 the approved budgets of the area education agencies for
15 special education support services for that year which are
16 approved by the state board of education under section 273.3,
17 subsection 12, by the total of the weighted enrollment of
18 public and nonpublic school pupils for special education
19 support services in the state for the budget year. The
20 special education support services state cost per pupil for
21 the budget year is the amount calculated by the department of
22 management under this subsection.

23 4. SPECIAL EDUCATION SUPPORT SERVICES STATE COST PER PUPIL
24 FOR 2001-2002 AND SUCCEEDING YEARS. For the budget year
25 beginning July 1, 2001, and succeeding budget years, the
26 special education support services state cost per pupil for
27 the budget year is the special education support services
28 state cost per pupil for the base year plus the special
29 education support services allowable growth for the budget
30 year.

31 Sec. 3. Section 257.10, subsections 3 and 4, Code
32 Supplement 1999, are amended by striking the subsections and
33 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

34 3. SPECIAL EDUCATION SUPPORT SERVICES DISTRICT COST PER
35 PUPIL FOR 2000-2001. For the budget year beginning July 1,

1 2000, for the special education support services district cost
2 per pupil, the department of management shall divide the
3 approved budget of each area education agency for special
4 education support services for that year approved by the state
5 board of education, under section 273.3, subsection 12, by the
6 total of the weighted enrollment of public and nonpublic
7 school pupils for special education support services in the
8 area for that budget year.

9 The special education support services district cost per
10 pupil for each school district in an area for the budget year
11 is the amount calculated by the department of management under
12 this subsection.

13 4. SPECIAL EDUCATION SUPPORT SERVICES DISTRICT COST PER
14 PUPIL FOR 2001-2002 AND SUCCEEDING YEARS. For the budget year
15 beginning July 1, 2001, and succeeding budget years, the
16 special education support services district cost per pupil for
17 the budget year is the special education support services
18 district cost per pupil for the base year plus the special
19 education support services allowable growth for the budget
20 year.

21 Sec. 4. Section 257.10, subsection 7, Code Supplement
22 1999, is amended to read as follows:

23 7. SPECIAL EDUCATION SUPPORT SERVICES DISTRICT COST.
24 Special education support services district cost for a school
25 district for a budget year is equal to the special education
26 support services district cost per pupil for the budget year
27 multiplied by the special education support services weighted
28 enrollment for public and nonpublic school pupils for the
29 district for the budget year. If the special education
30 support services district cost for a school district for a
31 budget year is less than the special education support
32 services district cost for that district for the base year,
33 the department of management shall adjust the special
34 education support services district cost for that district for
35 the budget year to equal the special education support

1 services district cost for the base year.

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EXPLANATION

3 This bill provides for the inclusion of nonpublic school
4 pupils in the enrollment count for special education support
5 services funding determination. Currently, special education
6 support services funding is based upon the public school
7 weighted enrollment multiplied by a special education support
8 services cost per pupil amount. To facilitate the inclusion
9 of nonpublic school pupils, the bill provides for the
10 calculation of a new state and district special education
11 support services cost per pupil. The bill provides that for
12 the school budget year beginning July 1, 2000, the approved
13 budgets for the area education agencies for special education
14 support services for that budget year shall be divided by the
15 total weighted enrollment of public and nonpublic school
16 pupils to establish new state and district cost per pupil
17 amounts for special education support services. The bill
18 provides that for the school budget year beginning July 1,
19 2001, and succeeding budget years, the new state and district
20 cost per pupil amounts shall be utilized as base year amounts
21 to which the special education support services allowable
22 growth for a budget year shall be applied. The bill adds a
23 provision to Code section 257.6 providing that weighted
24 enrollment for special education support services costs is
25 equal to the weighted enrollment for public and nonpublic
26 school pupils minus the additional pupils added due to the
27 application of the supplementary weighting, and that each
28 school district shall include in the third Friday in September
29 enrollment report the number of nonpublic school pupils within
30 each school district for special education support services
31 served by the area.

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