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HOUSE FILE 166
BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 76)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the duration of the additional weighting
2 provided for limited English proficient students.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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HF 166

1 Section 1. Section 257.31, subsection 5, paragraph j, Code
2 2001, is amended to read as follows:

3 j. Unusual need to continue providing a program or other
4 special assistance to non-English speaking pupils after the
5 expiration of the ~~three-year~~ four-year period specified in
6 section 280.4.

7 Sec. 2. Section 280.4, subsection 3, Code 2001, is amended
8 to read as follows:

9 3. In order to provide funds for the excess costs of
10 instruction of limited English proficient students above the
11 costs of instruction of pupils in a regular curriculum,
12 students identified as limited English proficient shall be
13 assigned an additional weighting that shall be included in the
14 weighted enrollment of the school district of residence for a
15 period not exceeding ~~three~~ four years. However, the school
16 budget review committee may grant supplemental aid or modified
17 allowable growth to a school district to continue funding a
18 program for students after the expiration of the ~~three-year~~
19 four-year period. The school budget review committee shall
20 calculate the additional amount for the weighting to the
21 nearest one-hundredth of one percent so that to the extent
22 possible the moneys generated by the weighting will be
23 equivalent to the moneys generated by the two-tenths weighting
24 provided prior to July 2, 1991.

25 EXPLANATION

26 This bill extends the period of time during which the
27 additional weighting for limited English proficient pupils may
28 be obtained from three to four years.

29 The bill provides for a corresponding change to Code
30 section 257.31, subsection 5, paragraph "j", concerning
31 requests by school districts for supplemental aid from the
32 school budget review committee based upon an unusual need to
33 continue a program relating to limited English proficiency
34 beyond a four-year period.

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**HOUSE FILE 166
FISCAL NOTE**

A fiscal note for **House File 166** 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.

House File 166 extends the time period during which the additional weighting for limited English proficient pupils may be obtained from three to four years.

ASSUMPTIONS

1. House File 166 will be effective for FY 2003.
2. September 2001 enrollments will include approximately 9,047 limited English proficient students.
3. Estimates are based on 371 school districts.
4. FY 2003 allowable growth is 4.0%.
5. The State cost under current law is approximately \$7.1 million and the local property tax amount is approximately \$1.1 million.

FISCAL IMPACT

The estimated fiscal impact of House File 166 in FY 2003 is an additional \$2.4 million in State aid and an additional \$340,000 in local property tax. These costs are statewide totals and will vary from district to district.

SOURCES

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