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EDUCATION

HOUSE FILE 622
BY COHOON

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act including prekindergarten pupils in actual enrollment for
2 purposes of the school finance formula.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 Section 1. Section 257.6, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
2 2001, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. Resident pupils who were enrolled in public schools
4 within the district in grades ~~kindergarten~~ prekindergarten
5 through twelve ~~and-including-prekindergarten-pupils-enrolled~~
6 ~~in-special-education-programs~~.

7 EXPLANATION

8 This bill provides for the inclusion of pupils enrolled in
9 public school prekindergarten programs within the actual
10 enrollment of a school district for school finance formula
11 purposes. Currently, Code section 257.6 provides for the
12 inclusion of kindergarten through grade 12 pupils, plus
13 prekindergarten pupils enrolled in special education programs.
14 This change would increase the enrollment count for a school
15 district which is offering a prekindergarten program,
16 generating additional funding and allowable growth each year
17 for such programs.

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