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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to expenditure by school districts of Iowa early
2 intervention block grant program moneys for teacher
3 compensation reform and student achievement activities.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 256D.2, Code 2001, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 256D.2 PROGRAM EXPENDITURES.

4 1. A Except as provided in subsection 2, a school district
5 shall expend funds received pursuant to section 256D.4 at the
6 kindergarten through grade three levels to reduce class sizes
7 to the state goal of seventeen students for every one teacher
8 and to achieve a higher level of student success in the basic
9 skills, especially reading. In order to support these
10 efforts, school districts may expend funds received pursuant
11 to section 256D.4 at the kindergarten through grade three
12 level on programs, instructional support, and materials that
13 include, but are not limited to, the following: additional
14 licensed instructional staff; additional support for students,
15 such as before and after school programs, tutoring, and
16 intensive summer programs; the acquisition and administration
17 of diagnostic reading assessments; the implementation of
18 research-based instructional intervention programs for
19 students needing additional support; the implementation of
20 all-day, everyday kindergarten programs; and the provision of
21 classroom teachers with intensive training programs to improve
22 reading instruction and professional development in best
23 practices, including but not limited to training programs
24 related to instruction to increase students' phonemic
25 awareness, reading abilities, and comprehension skills.

26 2. In addition to the expenditures allowed under
27 subsection 1, a school district that has reduced the average
28 size of the kindergarten, first, second, and third grade
29 classes in the district to the state goal may expend funds
30 received pursuant to section 256D.4 for teacher compensation
31 reform and student achievement activities approved by the
32 Seventy-ninth General Assembly or future general assemblies.

33 EXPLANATION

34 This bill allows a school district that has reduced its
35 average K-3 class sizes to the state goal of 17 students for

1 every one teacher to use its Iowa early intervention block
2 grant program moneys for teacher compensation reform and
3 student achievement activities approved by the Seventy-ninth
4 General Assembly or future general assemblies.

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