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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act allowing school districts to request additional allowable  
2 growth for before and after school programs and providing for  
3 related matters.

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

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 257.51 BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL  
2 PROGRAMS -- ADDITIONAL ALLOWABLE GROWTH.

3 1. The general assembly finds and declares that quality  
4 before and after school programs provide safe, engaging  
5 environments that complement the school day by promoting  
6 learning to improve student outcomes. While there is no one  
7 single formula for success in before and after school  
8 programs, the general assembly finds that effective programs  
9 combine academic, enrichment, cultural, and recreational  
10 activities to guide learning and engage children and youth in  
11 age-appropriate activities. The best programs develop  
12 activities to meet the particular needs and interests of the  
13 children and youth they serve, whether they are provided by a  
14 school-based program or by a school program linked to  
15 community-based, faith-based, or nonprofit organizations. The  
16 types of activities supported by the best before and after  
17 school programs include, but are not limited to, the  
18 following:

- 19 a. Tutoring and supplementing instruction in basic skills,  
20 such as reading, math, and science.
- 21 b. Drug and violence prevention curricula and counseling.
- 22 c. Youth leadership activities.
- 23 d. Volunteer and service learning opportunities.
- 24 e. Career awareness and preparation.
- 25 f. Courses and enrichment in arts and culture.
- 26 g. Computer instruction.
- 27 h. Character development.
- 28 i. Language instruction, including English as a second  
29 language.
- 30 j. Mentoring.
- 31 k. Positive interaction with law enforcement.
- 32 1. Supervised recreation and athletic programs and events.
- 33 2. Boards of directors of school districts, individually  
34 or jointly with other boards of directors of school districts,  
35 requesting to use additional allowable growth for programs for

1 school-based or school-linked before and after school  
2 programs, shall annually submit an application for additional  
3 allowable growth that includes a program budget to the  
4 department of education as provided in this chapter. The  
5 school district shall incorporate a program plan for its  
6 before and after school program into its comprehensive school  
7 improvement plan required under section 256.7, subsection 21.

8 3. The school district's comprehensive school improvement  
9 plan shall identify the parts of the program that will be  
10 implemented first upon approval of the application. A  
11 district may charge a fee for participation in the before and  
12 after school program, but shall make every reasonable effort  
13 to remove financial barriers that prevent families from  
14 utilizing the before and after school program. The program  
15 plans may provide for a school-based program or school-linked  
16 program to community-based, faith-based, and nonprofit  
17 organizations in the community.

18 4. The department of education shall adopt rules under  
19 chapter 17A relating to the administration of this section.  
20 The rules shall prescribe the components of the program plans  
21 to be addressed in the school district's comprehensive school  
22 improvement plan under this section.

23 5. The board of directors of a school district requesting  
24 to use additional allowable growth for before and after school  
25 programs shall submit applications for approval of the  
26 programs to the department of education not later than  
27 November 1 preceding the budget year during which the programs  
28 will be offered. The department of education shall review the  
29 application and shall, prior to January 15, either grant  
30 approval for the programs or return the request for approval  
31 with comments of the department of education included. An  
32 unapproved application may be resubmitted with modifications  
33 to the department of education no later than February 1. No  
34 later than February 15, the department of education shall  
35 notify the department of management and the school budget

1 review committee of the names of the school districts for  
2 which programs using additional allowable growth for funding  
3 have been approved and the approved budget of each program  
4 listed separately for each school district having an approved  
5 program.

6 6. The budget of an approved before and after school  
7 program for a school district shall be funded annually on a  
8 basis of one-fourth or more from user fees, grants, subsidies,  
9 and other locally generated sources and up to three-fourths by  
10 an increase in allowable growth as defined in section 257.8.  
11 Annually, the department of management shall establish a  
12 modified allowable growth for each district equal to the  
13 difference between the approved budget for the before and  
14 after school programs for that district and the portion of the  
15 budget funded from user fees, grants, subsidies, and other  
16 locally generated sources for that purpose. The maximum  
17 dollar amount of allowable growth for a program shall not  
18 exceed five percent times the budget enrollment times the  
19 district cost per pupil less the amount available from user  
20 fees, grants, subsidies, and other locally generated sources  
21 for the program.

22 7. If any portion of the before and after school program  
23 budget remains unexpended at the end of the budget year, the  
24 remainder shall be carried over to the subsequent budget year  
25 and added to the before and after school program budget as a  
26 locally generated source of funding for that year.

27 EXPLANATION

28 This bill allows a school district, individually or with  
29 other school districts, to apply to the school budget review  
30 committee for additional allowable growth for before and after  
31 school programs. Such school districts must annually submit  
32 their program plans with their comprehensive program plans to  
33 the department of education, along with a program budget. The  
34 bill includes legislative findings, and lists some of the  
35 activities the best programs support.

1 A district may charge a fee for participation in the before  
2 and after school program, but must make every reasonable  
3 effort to remove financial barriers to participation in the  
4 program.

5 The budget of an approved before and after school program  
6 shall be funded annually on a basis of one-fourth or more from  
7 fees, grants, subsidies, and other locally generated sources,  
8 and up to three-fourths by an increase in allowable growth as  
9 defined in Code section 257.8. Annually, the department of  
10 management must establish a modified allowable growth for each  
11 such district equal to the difference between the approved  
12 budget for the program for that district and the portion of  
13 the budget funded from fees, grants, subsidies, and other  
14 locally generated sources.

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