

House Study Bill 636

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EDUCATION BILL BY
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to education funding, providing for the
2 establishment of the state percent of growth for purposes of
3 the state school foundation program, providing for allocations
4 for textbook and supply acquisition, making appropriations,
5 and providing an applicability date.

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

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1 1 Section 1. Section 257.8, subsection 1, Code Supplement
1 2 2003, is amended to read as follows:

1 3 1. STATE PERCENT OF GROWTH. ~~The state percent of growth~~
1 4 ~~for the budget year beginning July 1, 2003, is two percent.~~

1 5 The state percent of growth for the budget year beginning July

1 6 1, 2004, is two percent. The state percent of growth for the

1 7 budget year beginning July 1, 2005, is two percent. The state

1 8 percent of growth for the budget year beginning July 1, 2006,

1 9 and each subsequent budget year shall be established by

1 10 statute which shall be enacted within thirty days of the

1 11 submission in ~~the year preceding~~ the base year of the

1 12 governor's budget under section 8.21. The establishment of

1 13 the state percent of growth for a budget year shall be the

1 14 only subject matter of the bill which enacts the state percent

1 15 of growth for a budget year.

1 16 Sec. 2. Section 257.16, Code 2003, is amended by adding

1 17 the following new subsection:

1 18 NEW SUBSECTION. 5. a. Notwithstanding subsection 1, the

1 19 amount appropriated from the general fund of the state for

1 20 state foundation and supplementary aid for the fiscal period

1 21 beginning July 1, 2004, and ending June 30, 2006, shall be the

1 22 following:

1 23 (1) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, the sum of

1 24 one billion eight hundred eighty-one million six hundred

1 25 eighty-eight thousand six hundred twenty-eight dollars. Of

1 26 the amount appropriated pursuant to this subparagraph, ten

1 27 million dollars shall be used by school districts to assist

1 28 with the purchase of public school textbooks and supplies.

1 29 The amount allocated shall be distributed to school districts

1 30 on a per pupil basis, and shall be used exclusively for

1 31 textbook and supply acquisition for public schools. If any

1 32 portion of the moneys received by a school district for

1 33 textbook and supply acquisition remains unexpended at the end

1 34 of the budget year, the remainder shall be carried over to the

1 35 subsequent budget year and added to the school district's

2 1 textbook and supply acquisition budget for that year.

2 2 (2) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005, the sum of

2 3 one billion nine hundred twenty-six million five hundred

2 4 twelve thousand nine hundred ninety-four dollars. Of the

2 5 amount appropriated pursuant to this subparagraph, ten million

2 6 dollars shall be used by school districts to assist with the

2 7 purchase of public school textbooks and supplies. The amount

2 8 allocated shall be distributed to school districts on a per

2 9 pupil basis, and shall be used exclusively for textbook and

2 10 supply acquisition for public schools. If any portion of the

2 11 moneys received by a school district for textbook and supply

2 12 acquisition remains unexpended at the end of the budget year,

2 13 the remainder shall be carried over to the subsequent budget

2 14 year and added to the school district's textbook and supply

2 15 acquisition budget for that year.

2 16 b. If the amounts appropriated in this subsection are less

2 17 than the amounts otherwise required pursuant to subsection 1,

2 18 the difference shall be deducted from the payments that

2 19 otherwise would have been required to be made to each school

2 20 district in the same ratio that the budget enrollment of the
2 21 school district for the appropriate budget year bears to the
2 22 total budget enrollment in the state for that budget year.
2 23 Sec. 3. Notwithstanding the thirty-day deadline and
2 24 restrictions for the enactment of the state percent of growth
2 25 provided in section 257.8, subsection 1, such deadline and
2 26 restrictions shall not apply to the Act enacted which
2 27 establishes the state percent of growth during the 2004
2 28 Regular Session of the Eightieth General Assembly.
2 29 Sec. 4. APPLICABILITY. This Act is applicable for
2 30 computing state aid under the state school foundation program
2 31 for the school budget years beginning July 1, 2004, and July
2 32 1, 2005.

2 33 EXPLANATION

2 34 This bill establishes a state percent of growth of 2
2 35 percent for purposes of the state school foundation program
3 1 for the school budget year beginning July 1, 2005.

3 2 The bill provides that for the budget year beginning July
3 3 1, 2006, and each subsequent budget year, the state percent of
3 4 growth shall be established by statute and enacted within 30
3 5 days of the submission of the governor's budget under Code
3 6 section 8.21 in the base year. Currently, Code section 257.8
3 7 provides that the enactment shall be within 30 days of the
3 8 submission of the governor's budget in the year preceding the
3 9 base year. The effect of this change would be to establish
3 10 the state percent of growth during the regular legislative
3 11 session immediately preceding the start of the July 1 budget
3 12 year, rather than during the regular legislative session in
3 13 the previous year.

3 14 The bill also provides for appropriations for the payment
3 15 of state foundation aid and supplementary aid. The bill
3 16 provides that for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, and
3 17 ending June 30, 2005, there is appropriated from the general
3 18 fund of the state pursuant to Code section 257.16 the sum of
3 19 \$1,881,688,628 to pay state foundation aid and supplementary
3 20 aid, and that for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005, and
3 21 ending June 30, 2006, there is appropriated from the general
3 22 fund of the state pursuant to Code section 257.16 the sum of
3 23 \$1,926,512,994 to pay state foundation aid and supplementary
3 24 aid. The bill provides that of the amount appropriated for
3 25 the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2004, and July 1, 2005, \$10
3 26 million shall be used by school districts to assist with the
3 27 purchase of public school textbooks and supplies. The bill
3 28 provides that the amount allocated for textbooks and supplies
3 29 shall be distributed on a per pupil basis, shall be used
3 30 exclusively for public school textbook and supply acquisition,
3 31 and that if any portion of the moneys received by a school
3 32 district for textbook and supply acquisition remains
3 33 unexpended at the end of the budget year, the remainder shall
3 34 be carried over to the school district's subsequent budget
3 35 year and added to the textbook and supply acquisition budget
4 1 for that year.

4 2 The bill provides that if the amounts appropriated are less
4 3 than the amounts otherwise required to pay state foundation
4 4 aid and supplementary aid pursuant to Code section 257.16,
4 5 subsection 1, the difference shall be deducted from the
4 6 payments that otherwise would have been made to each school
4 7 district in the same ratio that the budget enrollment of the
4 8 school district for the appropriate budget year bears to the
4 9 total budget enrollment in the state for that budget year.

4 10 The bill includes an exemption to the language in Code
4 11 section 257.8, subsection 1, which states that the
4 12 establishment of the state percent of growth for a budget year
4 13 shall be the only subject matter of the bill which enacts it.

4 14 The bill is applicable for computing state aid under the
4 15 state school foundation program for the school budget years
4 16 beginning July 1, 2004, and July 1, 2005.

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