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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for an increase in the community college
2 operations levy, and providing an effective date.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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SF 2124
EDUCATION

1 Section 1. Section 260C.17, Code 2003, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 260C.17 PREPARATION AND APPROVAL OF BUDGET -- TAX.

4 The board of directors of each merged area shall prepare an
5 annual budget designating the proposed expenditures for
6 operation of the community college. The board shall further
7 designate the amounts which are to be raised by local taxation
8 and the amounts which are to be raised by other sources of
9 revenue for the operation. The budget of each merged area
10 shall be submitted to the state board no later than May 1
11 preceding the next fiscal year for approval. The state board
12 shall review the proposed budget and shall, prior to June 1,
13 either grant its approval or return the budget without
14 approval with the comments of the state board attached to it.
15 Any unapproved budget shall be resubmitted to the state board
16 for final approval. Upon approval of the budget by the state
17 board, the board of directors shall certify the amount to the
18 respective county auditors and the boards of supervisors
19 annually shall levy a tax of ~~twenty-and-one-fourth~~ forty cents
20 per thousand dollars of assessed value on taxable property in
21 a merged area for the operation of a community college. Taxes
22 collected pursuant to the levy shall be paid by the respective
23 county treasurers to the treasurer of the merged area as
24 provided in section 331.552, subsection 29.

25 It is the policy of this state that the property tax for
26 the operation of community colleges shall not in any event
27 exceed ~~twenty-and-one-fourth-cents-per-thousand-dollars-of~~
28 ~~assessed-value~~ the amount of the levy provided for in this
29 section, and that the present and future costs of such
30 operation in excess of the funds raised by such levy shall be
31 the responsibility of the state and shall not be paid from
32 property tax.

33 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
34 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

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EXPLANATION

1 This bill provides for an increase in the operations levy
2 certified annually by the board of directors of a community
3 college pursuant to Code section 260C.17 from the current
4 level of 20 and one-fourth cents per \$1,000 of assessed value
5 to 40 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value in a merged area.

6 The bill takes effect upon enactment.

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