

SENATE FILE 2204
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for the distribution of moneys appropriated for
2 the educational excellence program on a per pupil basis.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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EDUCATION

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 294A.26 DISTRIBUTION OF
2 PAYMENTS.

3 1. For the school year beginning July 1, 2005, and
4 succeeding school years, amounts deposited in the educational
5 excellence fund to meet the requirements of this chapter for
6 phase I and phase II pursuant to section 294A.25, subsection
7 6, shall be distributed to school districts on a per pupil
8 basis. The payments for phase I and phase II shall be
9 combined in making the per pupil distribution. School
10 districts shall utilize amounts received pursuant to this
11 section for payment of the minimum salary supplement for
12 teachers employed by the district or area education agency as
13 certified to the department of education pursuant to section
14 294A.5, and for payment of amounts required pursuant to phase
15 II. The department of education shall notify the department
16 of administrative services of the per pupil distribution
17 amount for each school district and the department of
18 administrative services shall make the payments.

19 2. If the amount distributed to a school district for
20 phase I for a school year is insufficient to pay the amount
21 certified to the department of education pursuant to section
22 294A.5, the school district shall prorate the payments among
23 eligible teachers employed within the district.

24 3. The amount of compensation received by eligible
25 teachers pursuant to this section for the school year
26 beginning July 1, 2005, shall not be less than the amount
27 received for the school year beginning July 1, 2004.

28 4. It is the intent of the general assembly that the
29 equitable distribution of funding for the educational
30 excellence program be included in any future legislative
31 interim committee review of the school finance formula.

32 Sec. 2. Section 294A.6, Code Supplement 2003, is repealed.

33 EXPLANATION

34 This bill provides for a new distribution mechanism for
35 amounts appropriated for the educational excellence program

1 pursuant to Code chapter 294A.

2 Currently, Code chapter 294A provides that amounts
3 appropriated for phase I of the program shall be distributed
4 to school districts and area education agencies in an amount
5 certified by each district to the department of education
6 corresponding to the number of teachers employed by the
7 district or area education agency whose regular compensation
8 falls below specified minimum levels, and that amounts
9 appropriated for phase II are distributed on a per pupil
10 basis.

11 The bill provides that for the school year beginning July
12 1, 2005, and succeeding school years, amounts deposited in the
13 educational excellence fund for distribution to school
14 districts and area education agencies pursuant to phase I and
15 phase II of the program shall be distributed on a per pupil
16 basis. The bill provides that the payments for phase I and
17 phase II shall be combined in making the per pupil
18 distribution. The bill provides that school districts shall
19 utilize the amounts received for payment of the minimum salary
20 supplement for teachers employed by the district or area
21 education agency certified to the department of education
22 pursuant to Code section 294A.5, and for payment of amounts
23 required pursuant to phase II. The department of education
24 shall notify the department of administrative services of the
25 per pupil distribution amount for each school district, and
26 the department of administrative services shall make the
27 payments.

28 The bill provides that if the amount distributed to a
29 school district for phase I is insufficient to pay the amount
30 certified, the school district shall prorate the payments
31 among eligible teachers employed within the district.

32 The bill provides that the amount of compensation received
33 by eligible teachers for the school year beginning July 1,
34 2005, with the imposition of the new distribution mechanism
35 shall not be less than the amount received for the school year

1 beginning July 1, 2004, and provides intent language including
2 the equitable distribution of funding for the educational
3 excellence program in any future legislative interim committee
4 review of the school finance formula.

5 The bill provides for the repeal of Code section 294A.6,
6 which contains the current provisions regarding the
7 distribution mechanism for phase I.

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