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A BILL FOR

1 An Act increasing the number of years for which supplementary
2 weighting for limited English proficient students may be
3 obtained, and providing an effective and applicability date.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 257.31, subsection 5, paragraph j, Code
2 2005, is amended to read as follows:

3 j. Unusual need to continue providing a program or other
4 special assistance to non-English speaking pupils after the
5 expiration of the three-year five-year period specified in
6 section 280.4.

7 Sec. 2. Section 280.4, subsection 3, Code 2005, is amended
8 to read as follows:

9 3. In order to provide funds for the excess costs of
10 instruction of limited English proficient students above the
11 costs of instruction of pupils in a regular curriculum,
12 students identified as limited English proficient shall be
13 assigned an additional weighting of twenty-two hundredths, and
14 that weighting shall be included in the weighted enrollment of
15 the school district of residence for a period not exceeding
16 three five years. However, the school budget review committee
17 may grant supplemental aid or modified allowable growth to a
18 school district to continue funding a program for students
19 after the expiration of the three-year five-year period.

20 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE AND APPLICABILITY DATE. This Act, being
21 deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment
22 and is applicable for the school budget year beginning July 1,
23 2006, and succeeding budget years.

24 EXPLANATION

25 This bill extends the period of time for which a school
26 district may receive supplementary weighting for limited
27 English proficient students from the current period of three
28 years to five years. The bill makes a corresponding change to
29 a provision that the school budget review committee may grant
30 supplemental aid or modified allowable growth to a district
31 after expiration of the supplementary weighting time frame.

32 The bill takes effect upon enactment, and is applicable for
33 the school budget year beginning July 1, 2006, and succeeding
34 budget years.

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