

House Study Bill 228

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the Iowa early intervention block grant
2 program by changing the distribution method and reporting
3 requirements, extending the repeal of the chapter establishing
4 the program, and providing an effective date.
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 256D.3, Code 2005, is amended by adding
1 2 the following new subsection:
1 3 NEW SUBSECTION. 4. Beginning July 1, 2005, each school
1 4 district that receives funds under section 256D.4, subsection
1 5 2A, shall submit an annual report to the department of
1 6 education listing by grade level the number of students who
1 7 were reading below grade level in grades one through three at
1 8 the beginning of the school year, and the number of those
1 9 students who by the end of the school year were reading at or
1 10 above grade level. The department of education shall specify
1 11 the amount of funding each school district receives pursuant
1 12 to section 256D.4, subsection 2A, along with the information
1 13 received by the department under this subsection, in the
1 14 report the department submits to the chairpersons and ranking
1 15 members of the senate and house education committees pursuant
1 16 to subsection 3.
1 17 Sec. 2. Section 256D.4, Code 2005, is amended by adding
1 18 the following new subsection:
1 19 NEW SUBSECTION. 2A. Moneys appropriated for the Iowa
1 20 early intervention block grant program shall be allocated to
1 21 school districts as follows:
1 22 a. Two-thirds of the allocation shall be based upon the
1 23 proportion that the kindergarten through grade three
1 24 enrollment of a district bears to the sum of the kindergarten
1 25 through grade three enrollments of all school districts in the
1 26 state as reported for the base year.
1 27 b. One-third of the allocation shall be awarded to school
1 28 districts that certify to the department of education the
1 29 number of students enrolled in the school district in grades
1 30 one through three who are reading below grade level. The
1 31 amount awarded shall be based upon the proportion that the
1 32 number of students who are reading below grade level in grades
1 33 one through three as certified by the school district bears to
1 34 the sum of the number of students who are reading below grade
1 35 level in grades one through three as certified by all school
2 1 districts in the state for the base year.
2 2 Sec. 3. Section 256D.9, Code 2005, is amended to read as
2 3 follows:
2 4 256D.9 FUTURE REPEAL.
2 5 This chapter is repealed effective July 1, ~~2005~~ 2006.
2 6 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. The section of this Act amending
2 7 section 256D.9, being deemed of immediate importance, takes
2 8 effect upon enactment.
2 9 EXPLANATION
2 10 This bill makes changes to the Iowa early intervention
2 11 block grant program by changing one of the formulas for grant
2 12 distribution to school districts, requiring a new report based
2 13 on the change in funding distribution, and extending the
2 14 program's repeal to July 1, 2006, and making that extension
2 15 effective upon enactment.
2 16 Under the bill, two-thirds of the moneys appropriated will

2 17 still be distributed to schools on a per pupil basis. The
2 18 other one-third, rather than be distributed based on the
2 19 number of students in grades one through three who are
2 20 eligible for free and reduced price meals, will be awarded to
2 21 school districts that certify to the department of education
2 22 the number of students enrolled in the school district in
2 23 grades one through three who are reading below grade level.
2 24 The bill requires school districts receiving program funds
2 25 to submit an annual report to the department listing by grade
2 26 level the number of students who were reading below grade
2 27 level in grades one through three at the beginning of the
2 28 school year, and the number of those students who by the end
2 29 of the school year were reading at or above grade level. The
2 30 bill requires the department to submit the information,
2 31 including the amount of funding each district received, in an
2 32 annual report to the chairpersons and ranking members of the
2 33 senate and house education committees.
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