

House Study Bill 601

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BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION BILL)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing supplementary weighting for shared school
2 district operational functions, making an appropriation, and
3 providing effective and applicability dates.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 257.11, Code Supplement 2005, is
2 amended by adding the following new subsection:
1 3 NEW SUBSECTION. 5A. SHARED OPERATIONAL FUNCTIONS ==
1 4 INCREASED STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES.
1 5 a. In order to provide additional funding to increase
1 6 student opportunities for school districts that share
1 7 operational functions, a supplementary weighting plan for
1 8 determining enrollment is adopted. A supplementary weighting
1 9 of two hundredths per pupil shall be assigned to pupils
1 10 enrolled in a district that shares with one or more other
1 11 districts one or more operational functions in the areas of
1 12 business management, human resources, transportation, or
1 13 operation and maintenance for at least twenty percent of the
1 14 school year. The additional weighting shall be assigned for
1 15 each discrete operational function shared.
1 16 b. The minimum amount of additional weighting for which a
1 17 school district shall be eligible is an amount corresponding
1 18 to ten additional pupils, and the maximum amount of additional
1 19 weighting for which a school district shall be eligible is an
1 20 amount corresponding to forty additional pupils. Criteria for
1 21 determining qualification of operational functions for
1 22 additional weighting shall be determined by the department of
1 23 education by rule.
1 24 Sec. 2. SHARED OPERATIONAL FUNCTIONS == SUPPLEMENTARY
1 25 WEIGHTING == APPROPRIATION. For the fiscal year beginning
1 26 July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007, there is appropriated
1 27 from the general fund of the state to the department of
1 28 education the following amount, or so much thereof as is
1 29 necessary, to be utilized for the purpose designated in this
1 30 section:
1 31 \$ 6,100,000
1 32 The funds appropriated pursuant to this section shall be
1 33 allocated on or about November 15, 2006, to school districts
1 34 that have established shared operational functions pursuant to
1 35 section 257.11, subsection 5A. If the amount appropriated is
2 1 insufficient to fully fund the amount of supplementary
2 2 weighting requested and approved, the funds shall be allocated
2 3 to each requesting and approved school district based on the
2 4 ratio that each district's actual enrollment bears to the
2 5 total actual enrollment of all requesting and approved school
2 6 districts. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated
2 7 in this section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
2 8 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
2 9 available for expenditure for the purpose designated in this
2 10 section until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.
2 11 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
2 12 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment, and first
2 13 applies to supplementary weighting for the school year
2 14 beginning July 1, 2006.
2 15 EXPLANATION
2 16 This bill provides for the establishment of a new category
2 17 of supplementary weighting relating to shared school
2 18 operational functions.

2 19 The bill provides that supplementary weighting shall be
2 20 available to increase student opportunities for school
2 21 districts that share operational functions. The bill provides
2 22 that a supplementary weighting of .02 per pupil shall be
2 23 assigned to pupils enrolled in a district that shares one or
2 24 more operational functions in the areas of business
2 25 management, human resources, transportation, or operation and
2 26 maintenance for a minimum of 20 percent of the school year and
2 27 shall be assigned for each discrete operational function
2 28 shared. The bill provides that the minimum amount of
2 29 additional weighting for which a school district shall be
2 30 eligible is an amount corresponding to 10 additional pupils,
2 31 and the maximum is an amount corresponding to 40 additional
2 32 pupils. The bill provides that criteria for determining
2 33 qualification of operational functions for additional
2 34 weighting shall be determined by the department of education
2 35 by rule.

3 1 The bill appropriates \$6.1 million from the state general
3 2 fund to the department of education to be allocated on or
3 3 about November 15, 2006, to school districts which have
3 4 established shared operational functions, provides for
3 5 nonreversion of the funds for one year, and provides for
3 6 allocation among all requesting and approved school districts
3 7 if the amount appropriated is insufficient to fully fund the
3 8 amounts requested and approved based on the ratio that each
3 9 requesting and approved school district's actual enrollment
3 10 bears to the total actual enrollment of all requesting and
3 11 approved school districts.

3 12 The bill takes effect upon enactment and first applies to
3 13 supplementary weighting for the school year beginning July 1,
3 14 2006.

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