

# Senate Study Bill 1158

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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 2005, is amended by adding  
1 2 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.

1 15 b. The minimum amount of additional weighting for which a  
1 16 school district shall be eligible is an amount corresponding  
1 17 to ten additional pupils, and the maximum amount of additional  
1 18 weighting for which a school district shall be eligible is an  
1 19 amount corresponding to twenty additional pupils. Criteria  
1 20 for determining qualification of operational functions for  
1 21 additional weighting shall be determined by the department of  
1 22 education by rule.

1 23 c. Amounts received as supplementary weighting for sharing  
1 24 operational functions pursuant to paragraph "a" and for any  
1 25 savings realized through the sharing of such functions shall  
1 26 be utilized by a school district to improve teacher salaries,  
1 27 and offer additional courses to maximize the access of every  
1 28 high school student to four years of mathematics, science, and  
1 29 English or language arts, with the intent that additional  
1 30 course offerings will include advanced content and advanced  
1 31 placement opportunities.

1 32 Sec. 2. SHARED OPERATIONAL FUNCTIONS == SUPPLEMENTARY  
1 33 WEIGHTING == APPROPRIATION. For the fiscal year beginning  
1 34 July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2006, there is appropriated  
1 35 from the general fund of the state to the department of  
2 1 education the following amount, or so much thereof as may be  
2 2 necessary, to be utilized for the purpose designated:

2 3 ..... \$ 6,100,000

2 4 The funds appropriated pursuant to this section shall be  
2 5 allocated on or about November 15, 2005, to school districts  
2 6 that have established shared operational functions pursuant to  
2 7 section 257.11, subsection 5A. If the amount appropriated is  
2 8 insufficient to fully fund the amount of supplementary  
2 9 weighting requested and approved, the funds shall be allocated  
2 10 to each requesting and approved school district based on the  
2 11 ratio that each district's actual enrollment bears to the  
2 12 total actual enrollment of all requesting and approved school  
2 13 districts. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated  
2 14 in this section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the  
2 15 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain  
2 16 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until  
2 17 the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

2 18 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of  
2 19 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment, and first  
2 20 applies to supplementary weighting for the school year  
2 21 beginning July 1, 2005.

2 22 EXPLANATION

2 23 This bill provides for the establishment of a new category  
2 24 of supplementary weighting relating to shared school  
2 25 operational functions.

2 26 The bill provides that supplementary weighting shall be  
2 27 available to increase student opportunities for school  
2 28 districts that share operational functions. The bill provides  
2 29 that a supplementary weighting of .02 per pupil shall be  
2 30 assigned to pupils enrolled in a district that shares one or  
2 31 more operational functions in the areas of business  
2 32 management, human resources, transportation, or operation and  
2 33 maintenance for a minimum of 20 percent of the school year.

2 34 The bill provides that the amounts received either as  
2 35 supplementary weighting or any savings realized through the  
3 1 sharing of operational functions shall be utilized by a school  
3 2 district to improve teacher salaries, and offer additional  
3 3 courses to maximize the access of every high school student to  
3 4 four years of mathematics, science, and English or language  
3 5 arts, with the intent that additional course offerings will  
3 6 include advanced content and advanced placement opportunities.  
3 7 The bill provides that the minimum amount of additional  
3 8 weighting for which a school district shall be eligible is an  
3 9 amount corresponding to 10 additional pupils, and the maximum  
3 10 is an amount corresponding to 20 additional pupils. The bill  
3 11 provides that criteria for determining qualification of  
3 12 operational functions for additional weighting shall be  
3 13 determined by the department of education by rule.

3 14 The bill appropriates \$1.6 million from the state general  
3 15 fund to the department of education to be allocated on or  
3 16 about November 15, 2005, to school districts which have  
3 17 established shared operational functions, provides for  
3 18 nonreversion of the funds, and provides for allocation among  
3 19 all requesting and approved school districts if the amount  
3 20 appropriated is insufficient to fully fund the amounts  
3 21 requested and approved based on the ratio that each requesting  
3 22 and approved school district's actual enrollment bears to the  
3 23 total actual enrollment of all requesting and approved school  
3 24 districts.

3 25 The bill takes effect upon enactment and first applies to  
3 26 supplementary weighting for the school year beginning July 1,  
3 27 2005.

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