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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to education funding by providing for the
2 establishment of the state percent of growth for purposes of
3 the state school foundation program, providing that a portion
4 of the growth be reserved for public school textbook and
5 supply costs, and providing an applicability date.
6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 257.8, subsection 1, Code 2007, is
1 2 amended to read as follows:
1 3 1. STATE PERCENT OF GROWTH. ~~The state percent of growth~~
~~1 4 for the budget year beginning July 1, 2006, is four percent.~~
1 5 The state percent of growth for the budget year beginning July
1 6 1, 2007, is four percent. The state percent of growth for the
1 7 budget year beginning July 1, 2008, is six percent. The state
1 8 percent of growth for each subsequent budget year shall be
1 9 established by statute which shall be enacted within thirty
1 10 days of the submission in the year preceding the base year of
1 11 the governor's budget under section 8.21. The establishment
1 12 of the state percent of growth for a budget year shall be the
1 13 only subject matter of the bill which enacts the state percent
1 14 of growth for a budget year.

1 15 Sec. 2. Section 257.16, Code 2007, is amended by adding
1 16 the following new subsection:
1 17 NEW SUBSECTION. 3A. Notwithstanding subsection 3, for the
1 18 school budget year beginning July 1, 2008, and succeeding
1 19 budget years, the department of management shall allocate to
1 20 each school district on a per pupil basis from the amount
1 21 appropriated in subsection 1, an amount equal to one
1 22 percentage point of the state percent of growth determined
1 23 annually, for the purchase of public school textbooks and
1 24 supplies. The amount so allocated shall be used exclusively
1 25 for the purchase of public school textbooks and supplies at
1 26 the discretion of each school district's board of directors.
1 27 If any portion of the amount received by a school district for
1 28 textbook and supply acquisition remains unexpended at the end
1 29 of the budget year, the remainder shall be carried over to the
1 30 subsequent budget year and added to the school district's
1 31 textbook and supply acquisition budget for that year.

1 32 Sec. 3. IMPLEMENTATION. Section 257.16, subsection 3A, is
1 33 enacted in this Act notwithstanding the provisions of section
1 34 257.8, subsection 1, providing a deadline for passage and
1 35 restricting the subject matter of any bill which enacts the
2 1 state percent of growth for a budget year.

2 2 Sec. 4. APPLICABILITY. This Act is applicable for
2 3 computing state aid under the state school foundation program
2 4 for the school budget year beginning July 1, 2008.

EXPLANATION

2 6 This bill establishes a state percent of growth of 6
2 7 percent for purposes of the state school foundation program
2 8 for the school budget year beginning July 1, 2008. The bill
2 9 is applicable for state aid computation under the school
2 10 foundation program for the school budget year beginning July
2 11 1, 2008.

2 12 The bill also provides that, for the school budget year
2 13 beginning July 1, 2008, and succeeding budget years, one
2 14 percentage point of the amount that school districts receive
2 15 due to the increase in allowable growth must be reserved for
2 16 public school textbook and supply costs. The bill also
2 17 requires that any amount received for public school textbook

2 18 and supply acquisition that is not spent be added to the
2 19 school district's textbook and supply budget for the next
2 20 year.
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