

Senate File 397 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1023)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act allowing school districts to count foreign exchange pupils
2 in certified enrollment counts for budget and funding
3 purposes.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
5 TLSB 1225SV 82
6 ak/cf/24

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1 1 Section 1. Section 257.6, subsection 1, Code 2007, is
1 2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:
1 3 NEW PARAGRAPH. g. Foreign exchange pupils under the
1 4 federal exchange visa program enrolled in public schools
1 5 within the district. The number of foreign exchange students
1 6 a school district may count is limited to not more than one
1 7 percent of the school district's actual enrollment from the
1 8 year preceding the base year.

1 9 EXPLANATION

1 10 This bill allows school districts to be compensated for
1 11 services provided to foreign exchange students by including
1 12 them in the actual student enrollment count each October.
1 13 These students, who are part of the federal J=1 visa program,
1 14 are not presently counted in the actual enrollment of a
1 15 school, which is one factor in determining state and local
1 16 financial support for schools. The number of students that a
1 17 school district may count is limited to not more than 1
1 18 percent of the district's enrollment from the year preceding
1 19 the year in which the count is made.
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