House File 306 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act allowing school districts to count limited numbers of
2   foreign exchange pupils in certified enrollment counts for
3   budget and funding purposes.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
5 TLSB 2243HH 83
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1 1   Section 1. Section 257.6, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
1 2 2009, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:
1 3   NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (8) Foreign exchange pupils under the
1 4 federal exchange visa program enrolled in public schools
1 5 within the district. School districts with an actual
1 6 enrollment of one thousand or fewer pupils may count no more
1 7 than one foreign exchange pupil based on the school district's
1 8 actual enrollment from the base year. School districts with
1 9 an actual enrollment of more than one thousand pupils may
1 10 count one foreign exchange pupil per one thousand pupils based
1 11 on the school district's actual enrollment from the base year.
1 12   EXPLANATION
1 13   This bill allows school districts to be compensated for
1 14 services provided to foreign exchange students by including
1 15 them in the actual student enrollment count each October.
1 16 These students, who are part of the federal J=1 visa program,
1 17 are not presently counted in the actual enrollment of a
1 18 school, which is one factor in determining state and local
1 19 financial support for schools. School districts with 1,000 or
1 20 fewer students may count one foreign exchange student based on
1 21 the district's enrollment from the preceding year. School
1 22 districts with more than 1,000 students may count one foreign
1 23 exchange student per 1,000 students based on the district's
1 24 enrollment from the preceding year.
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