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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 145)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act creating an Iowa preschool scholarship program for
2 four-year-old children, repealing the statewide preschool
3 program for four-year-old children, and including effective
4 date and applicability provisions.
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

DIVISION I

STATEWIDE PRESCHOOL PROGRAM FOR FOUR-YEAR-OLD CHILDREN

Section 1. Section 237A.21, subsection 3, paragraph p, Code 2011, is amended to read as follows:

p. One person who is part of a local program implementing the statewide preschool program for four-year-old children under chapter ~~256C~~ 256J.

Sec. 2. Section 237A.22, subsection 1, paragraph f, Code 2011, is amended to read as follows:

f. Make recommendations for improving collaborations between the child care programs involving the department and programs supporting the education and development of young children including but not limited to the federal head start program, ~~the statewide preschool program for four-year-old children~~ and the early childhood, at-risk, and other early education programs administered by the department of education.

Sec. 3. Section 256.11, subsection 1, paragraph c, Code 2011, is amended to read as follows:

c. For the purposes of this subsection, "*prekindergarten program*" includes but is not limited to a school district's implementation of the preschool program established pursuant to chapter ~~256C~~ 256J.

Sec. 4. Section 257.16, subsection 1, Code 2011, is amended to read as follows:

1. There is appropriated each year from the general fund of the state an amount necessary to pay the foundation aid under this chapter, ~~the preschool foundation aid under chapter 256C~~, supplementary aid under section 257.4, subsection 2, and adjusted additional property tax levy aid under section 257.15, subsection 4.

Sec. 5. Section 272.2, subsection 18, Code 2011, is amended to read as follows:

18. May adopt rules for practitioners who are not eligible for a statement of professional recognition under subsection 10, but have received a baccalaureate degree and provide a

1 service to students at any or all levels from prekindergarten
2 through grade twelve for a school district, accredited
3 nonpublic school, area education agency, or preschool program
4 established pursuant to chapter ~~256C~~ 256J.

5 Sec. 6. Section 285.1, subsection 1, paragraph a,
6 subparagraph (3), Code 2011, is amended to read as follows:

7 (3) Children attending prekindergarten programs offered or
8 sponsored by the district or nonpublic school and approved by
9 the department of education or department of human services
10 or children participating in preschool in an approved local
11 program under chapter ~~256C~~ 256J may be provided transportation
12 services. However, transportation services provided to
13 nonpublic school children are not eligible for reimbursement
14 under this chapter.

15 Sec. 7. REPEAL. Chapter 256C, Code 2011, is repealed.

16 Sec. 8. EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICABILITY. This division of
17 this Act takes effect July 1, 2011, and applies to budget years
18 beginning on or after July 1, 2011.

19 DIVISION II

20 PRESCHOOL PROGRAM FOR FOUR-YEAR-OLD CHILDREN

21 Sec. 9. NEW SECTION. 256J.1 Definitions.

22 As used in this chapter:

23 1. "*Department*" means the department of education.

24 2. "*Director*" means the director of the department of
25 education.

26 3. "*Eligible school district*" or "*school district*" means
27 a school corporation organized under chapter 274 that meets
28 the requirements of section 256J.3, subsection 4, and has been
29 approved by the department to implement preschool programs as
30 provided in this chapter.

31 4. "*Preschool scholarship*" means the state funding allocated
32 to school districts to pay tuition for eligible children
33 enrolled in preschool programs implemented pursuant to this
34 chapter.

35 5. "*Private education partner*" means a private preschool

1 provider that may submit claims for reimbursement to a school
2 district for providing high-quality preschool instruction to
3 four-year-old children receiving scholarships in accordance
4 with this chapter.

5 6. "*State board*" means the state board of education.

6 Sec. 10. NEW SECTION. 256J.2 **Preschool program for**
7 **four-year-old children — scholarships — purpose.**

8 1. A preschool program for four-year-old children is
9 established in the department to provide an opportunity for
10 all eligible children, including economically disadvantaged
11 children, to enter school ready to learn. The purpose
12 of the preschool scholarship program shall be to provide
13 scholarships to pay for eligible four-year-old children to
14 attend high-quality preschool provided by school districts or
15 private education partners.

16 2. The state board shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter
17 17A, and may adopt emergency rules under section 17A.4,
18 subsection 3, and section 17A.5, subsection 2, paragraph "b", as
19 necessary to implement this chapter.

20 Sec. 11. NEW SECTION. 256J.3 **Preschool program**
21 **requirements.**

22 1. *Eligible children.* A child who is a resident of Iowa
23 and is four years of age on or before September 15 of a school
24 year is eligible to enroll, based on order of registration, in
25 a preschool program implemented pursuant to this chapter and
26 may be eligible for a preschool scholarship based upon the most
27 current sliding tuition scale determined and published by the
28 department in accordance with subsection 5. A school district
29 approved to participate in the preschool program pursuant to
30 this chapter may enroll a younger child or an older child in
31 the preschool program if space is available; however, the child
32 shall not be counted in the preschool enrollment count for
33 preschool scholarship funding purposes under section 256J.5.

34 a. A family may choose to enroll the family's four-year-
35 old child in an approved school district preschool program or a

1 preschool program implemented by a private education partner.
2 Families shall complete all enrollment requirements, including
3 but not limited to income verification.

4 *b.* A school district or a private education partner may
5 charge tuition for children participating in the preschool
6 program, but shall not charge more for tuition than the amount
7 determined and published by the department. All families
8 enrolling eligible children are required to pay tuition based
9 on income and the most current sliding tuition scale determined
10 and published by the department.

11 2. *Teacher requirements.*

12 *a.* An individual serving as a preschool teacher in the
13 preschool program for four-year-old children shall be employed
14 by or under contract with the approved school district or by a
15 private education partner located within the approved school
16 district's boundaries and shall meet one of the following
17 qualifications:

18 (1) The individual is appropriately licensed under chapter
19 272 and meets the requirements of chapter 284.

20 (2) The individual possesses, or is working toward
21 obtaining within two years of starting employment under this
22 subsection, an early childhood certificate of eligibility
23 issued under chapter 272, and meets either of the following
24 conditions:

25 (a) Holds a bachelor's or graduate degree from an accredited
26 college or university.

27 (b) Holds an associate of arts degree and is working
28 toward obtaining a bachelor's degree within three years. This
29 subparagraph division (b) is repealed August 31, 2014.

30 *b.* A preschool teacher in an approved preschool program
31 shall collaborate with other agencies, organizations, and
32 boards in the community to further the program's capacity to
33 meet the diverse needs of the children enrolled in the program
34 and the families of the children, such as needs for early
35 care, health, and human services. In addition, the approved

1 preschool program shall work to maintain relationships with
2 each child's family in order to enhance the child's development
3 in all settings by collaborating with providers of parent
4 education and family support opportunities.

5 3. *Program requirements — program approval.* The state board
6 shall adopt rules to further define the following preschool
7 program requirements, which shall be used to determine whether
8 or not a local program implemented by a school district or
9 private education partner qualifies for approval to implement a
10 preschool program:

11 a. Maximum and minimum teacher-to-child ratios and class
12 sizes.

13 b. Applicable state and federal program standards.

14 c. Student learning standards.

15 d. Applicable comprehensive statewide child assessment
16 determined by the department.

17 e. Provisions for the integration of children from other
18 state and federally funded preschools.

19 f. Collaboration with participating families, early care
20 providers, and community partners including but not limited
21 to early childhood Iowa area boards, head start programs,
22 shared visions, licensed child care centers, registered child
23 development homes, early childhood special education programs,
24 services funded by Tit. I of the federal Elementary and
25 Secondary Education Act of 1965, and family support programs.

26 g. A minimum of ten hours per week, thirty-four weeks per
27 year, of instruction delivered on the skills and knowledge
28 included in the student learning standards developed for the
29 preschool program.

30 h. Family involvement in the preschool program.

31 i. Provision for ensuring that children receiving care from
32 other child care arrangements can participate in the preschool
33 program with minimal disruption due to transportation and
34 movement from one site to another.

35 4. *School district requirements.* The state board shall

1 adopt rules to further define the following requirements for
2 school districts implementing a preschool program pursuant to
3 this chapter:

4 *a.* Collect documentation of school district and private
5 education partner readiness to meet program requirements. The
6 school district shall submit documentation to the department
7 that demonstrates that the school district contacted all
8 known potential private education partners within the school
9 district, including but not limited to, and only as applicable,
10 accredited nonpublic schools and faith-based preschools,
11 the early childhood Iowa area board, the federal head start
12 program, shared visions and other programs provided under the
13 auspices of the child development coordinating council, and
14 center-based providers of child care services.

15 *b.* Collaborate with all approved high-quality preschool
16 program sites in the district to better serve children enrolled
17 in the preschool program in the following ways:

18 (1) Extending the day, for children eligible for preschool
19 scholarships, through other state funding and federal funding,
20 including but not limited to funding available through early
21 childhood Iowa area boards, federal head start programs, shared
22 visions and other programs provided under the auspices of the
23 child development coordinating council, licensed child care
24 centers, registered child development homes, early childhood
25 special education programs, services funded by Tit. I of the
26 federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, and
27 family support programs.

28 (2) Promoting family involvement through family support
29 programs as well as district programs.

30 *c.* Participate in data collection and performance
31 measurement processes and reporting, including reporting fall
32 and spring applicable comprehensive statewide child assessment
33 data as specified by the department.

34 *d.* Identify eligible children through targeted outreach to
35 all families in partnership with the early childhood Iowa area

1 board.

2 *e.* Collect information regarding and verify family income to
3 implement the sliding tuition scale determined and published by
4 the department in accordance with subsection 5.

5 *f.* Address professional development for school district
6 preschool teachers in the school district's professional
7 development plan implemented in accordance with section 284.6.

8 *g.* Collaborate with private education partners to provide a
9 coordinated system of appropriate professional development for
10 preschool teachers and staff employed in the preschool program.

11 *h.* Pay only those claims submitted by the school district's
12 private education partners which are verified by the process
13 set forth in section 279.29.

14 5. *Department requirements.* The department shall do the
15 following:

16 *a.* Implement an application and approval process for school
17 district participation in the preschool program that includes
18 but is not limited to the enrollment requirements provided
19 under subsection 1.

20 *b.* Track the progress of all children served by a school
21 district preschool program and by the school district's private
22 education partners and track the children's performance in
23 elementary and secondary education.

24 *c.* Implement procedures to monitor the quality of the
25 programming provided under the preschool program at all school
26 district and private education partner sites.

27 *d.* Determine a statewide comprehensive child assessment to
28 measure child outcomes for all children participating in the
29 preschool program at school districts and private education
30 partner sites.

31 *e.* Submit an annual report to the governor, the general
32 assembly, the early childhood Iowa state board, and the child
33 development coordinating council.

34 (1) The early childhood Iowa state board and the child
35 development coordinating council shall advise the department

1 regarding collaboration of high-quality preschool programs for
2 eligible children.

3 (2) The early childhood Iowa state board shall promote
4 the preschool program in local communities to increase family
5 awareness of quality preschool programs and scholarship
6 opportunities.

7 (3) The early childhood Iowa area boards shall collaborate
8 with school districts and their private education partners to
9 strengthen preschool quality.

10 *f.* Develop a statewide list of approved school district
11 and private education partner preschool programs and publish
12 the list on its website. The list shall include information
13 about preschool scholarships and the sliding tuition scale in
14 addition to other information for families.

15 *g.* Develop and review annually a sliding tuition scale for
16 purposes of granting preschool program scholarships to families
17 whose incomes are at or below three hundred percent of the
18 federal poverty level as defined by the most recently revised
19 poverty income guidelines published by the United States
20 department of health and human services.

21 Sec. 12. NEW SECTION. 256J.4 Funding provisions —
22 enrollment.

23 1. *General.*

24 *a.* State funding provided for preschool scholarships shall
25 be allocated to school districts for each school year based
26 upon the amount appropriated and the funding formula set forth
27 in section 256J.5.

28 *b.* Except as otherwise provided in chapter 298A, a school
29 district approved to participate in the preschool program may
30 authorize expenditures for the school district's preschool
31 programming from any of the revenue sources available to the
32 district from the sources listed in chapter 298A, provided the
33 expenditures are within the uses permitted for the revenue
34 source. In addition, the use of the revenue source for
35 preschool programming must have been approved prior to any

1 expenditure from the revenue source for the school district's
2 preschool program.

3 *c.* Funding provided for the preschool program pursuant to
4 this chapter is intended to supplement, not supplant, existing
5 public funding for preschool programming.

6 *d.* Preschool scholarship funding shall not be commingled
7 with the other state aid payments made under section 257.16
8 to a school district and shall be accounted for by the school
9 district separately from the other state aid payments.
10 Preschool scholarship payments made to school districts are
11 miscellaneous income for purposes of chapter 257. A school
12 district shall maintain a separate listing within its budget
13 for preschool scholarship payments received and expenditures
14 made. A school district shall certify to the department that
15 preschool scholarship funding received by the school district
16 was used to supplement, not supplant, moneys otherwise received
17 and used by the school district for preschool programming.

18 *e.* Preschool scholarship funding shall not be used for the
19 costs of constructing a facility in connection with a school
20 district or private education partner preschool program.

21 *f.* Preschool scholarship funding received by a school
22 district or private education partner may be used in
23 conjunction with funding from family-paid tuition to support
24 the school district or private education partner in providing
25 the preschool program. Not more than five percent of the
26 scholarship funding received annually by a school district
27 shall be used for the costs of supervising the program.

28 2. *Eligible student enrollment.*

29 *a.* To be included as an eligible student in the preschool
30 enrollment count by a school district, a child shall meet the
31 requirements of section 256J.3, subsection 1, and shall be
32 enrolled in and attending a preschool program implemented by
33 a school district or a school district's private education
34 partner.

35 *b.* The enrollment count for the preschool program shall

1 include all eligible children who are enrolled in and attending
2 a preschool program implemented by a school district and the
3 school district's private education partners shall be collected
4 by the school district on the date prescribed in section 257.6
5 and shall be certified to the department by the school district
6 by October 15.

7 Sec. 13. NEW SECTION. 256J.5 State funding allocation —
8 **expenditure limitation.**

9 1. *State funding.*

10 *a. Allocation formula.* For each fiscal year in which
11 moneys are appropriated by the general assembly for purposes
12 of the preschool program for four-year-old children, preschool
13 scholarship funding shall be allocated to approved school
14 districts on a per pupil basis calculated on the proportion
15 that the number of the approved school district's first grade
16 children who are eligible for free or reduced price meals under
17 the federal Healthy, Hungry-Free Kids Act of 2010, Pub. L. No.
18 111-296, multiplied by the average of the previous three years
19 of certified kindergarten enrollment, bears to the sum of the
20 number of first grade children in all approved school districts
21 who are eligible for free or reduced price meals under the
22 federal Healthy, Hungry-Free Kids Act of 2010, Pub. L. No.
23 111-296, multiplied by the average of the previous three years
24 of certified kindergarten enrollment in all approved school
25 districts in the state for the base year.

26 *b. Redistribution of state funding.* Based on the October
27 1 certified preschool enrollment count determined pursuant to
28 section 256J.4, subsection 2, the department shall evaluate
29 the needs of approved school districts and approved private
30 education partners and shall take action to redistribute unused
31 state funding as appropriate.

32 *c. Limited purpose.* State funds provided for purposes
33 of this chapter shall not be expended for any purpose not
34 expressly authorized in this chapter or in administrative rules
35 adopted to administer this chapter.

1 2. *Program sites — conditional allocation.* A school
2 district shall not receive preschool scholarship funding
3 without school district or private education partner preschool
4 program sites.

5 3. *Program continuation subject to approval.* For subsequent
6 budget years, continuation of a school district's participation
7 in the preschool program is subject to the approval of the
8 department based upon the school district's compliance with
9 accountability provisions and the department's on-site review
10 of the school district's implementation of the preschool
11 program.

12 4. *Insufficient funding.* If the amount appropriated
13 annually for purposes of this section is not sufficient to
14 pay the total allocation to approved school districts, the
15 allocation shall be based on the proportion that the total
16 allocation for each approved school district bears to the sum
17 of the total allocations to all approved school districts.

18 5. *Payments to private education partners.* Reimbursements
19 shall be provided to private education partners by approved
20 school districts on a monthly basis, beginning with the month
21 in which the school district receives payment under subsection
22 1, paragraph "a", subparagraph (1), and ending in July, upon
23 submission and verification of actual instructional costs
24 incurred in the school year.

25 6. *Department administration and oversight.* Except as
26 otherwise provided by law for a fiscal year, of the amount
27 appropriated by the general assembly for a fiscal year for
28 purposes of this chapter, the department may use an amount
29 sufficient to fund up to four full-time equivalent positions
30 which shall be in addition to the number of positions
31 authorized for the department for the fiscal year to provide
32 administration and oversight of the preschool program.
33 Oversight shall include but not be limited to data collection
34 requirements, maintenance of website listings of high-quality
35 school district and private education partners providing

1 Division II establishes a preschool program for
2 four-year-old children in the department of education to
3 provide an opportunity for all eligible children, including
4 economically disadvantaged children, to enter school ready to
5 learn. The purpose of the preschool scholarship program shall
6 be to provide scholarships to pay for eligible four-year-old
7 children to attend high-quality preschool provided by school
8 districts or private education partners.

9 RULES. The state board of education is directed to adopt
10 rules to implement the Code chapter and may adopt emergency
11 rules as necessary to implement the Code chapter.

12 ELIGIBLE CHILDREN. A child who is a resident of Iowa and
13 is four years of age on or before September 15 of a school
14 year is eligible to enroll, based on order of registration,
15 in a preschool program and may be eligible for a preschool
16 scholarship. The scholarship amount is based upon the most
17 current sliding tuition scale determined and published by the
18 department. A school district approved to participate in the
19 preschool program may enroll a younger child or an older child
20 in the preschool program if space is available; however, the
21 child shall not be counted in the preschool enrollment count
22 for preschool scholarship funding purposes.

23 A family may choose to enroll the family's four-year-old
24 child in an approved school district program or a preschool
25 program implemented by a private education partner. Families
26 must complete all enrollment requirements, including but not
27 limited to income verification.

28 A school district or a private education partner of the
29 school district may charge tuition for children participating
30 in the program, but shall not charge more for tuition than
31 the amount determined and published by the department. All
32 families enrolling eligible children are required to pay
33 tuition based on income and the most current sliding tuition
34 scale determined and published by the department.

35 TEACHER REQUIREMENTS. An individual serving as a preschool

1 teacher in the program shall be employed by or under contract
2 with the approved school district or by a private education
3 partner located within the approved school district's
4 boundaries and shall either be a licensed teacher who meets the
5 requirements of the student achievement and teacher quality
6 program; or shall possess, or be working toward obtaining
7 within two years of starting employment as a preschool teacher,
8 an early childhood certificate of eligibility issued under Code
9 chapter 272, and either hold a bachelor's or graduate degree
10 from an accredited college or university or hold an associate
11 of arts degree and be working toward obtaining a bachelor's
12 degree within three years. The provision relating to the
13 associate degree, however, is repealed August 31, 2014.

14 EARLY CHILDHOOD CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY RULE
15 REQUIREMENTS. The bill requires the board of educational
16 examiners to adopt rules establishing an early childhood
17 certificate of eligibility. The rules shall require that
18 an applicant successfully complete 12 hours of coursework
19 from an accredited institution of higher education in early
20 childhood education, child development, elementary education,
21 or early childhood special education, and this coursework shall
22 encompass child development and learning of children from birth
23 through kindergarten; family and community relationships;
24 observing, documenting, and assessing young children; teaching
25 and learning; and professional practices and development.

26 Preschool teachers in an approved preschool program must
27 collaborate with other agencies, organizations, and boards in
28 the community to further the program's capacity to meet the
29 diverse needs of the children and the families of the children,
30 such as needs for early care, health, and human services. The
31 approved preschool program shall work to maintain relationships
32 with each child's family in order to enhance the child's
33 development in all settings by collaborating with providers of
34 parent education and family support opportunities.

35 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS — PROGRAM APPROVAL. The state board

1 must adopt rules to further define the preschool program
2 requirements that are listed in the bill, which shall be used
3 to determine whether or not a local program implemented by a
4 school district or private education partner is approved.

5 SCHOOL DISTRICT REQUIREMENTS. School districts, under rules
6 adopted by the state board, shall collect documentation of
7 school district and private education partner readiness to meet
8 program requirements, submit documentation to the department
9 that demonstrates that the school district contacted all
10 known private education partners within the school district,
11 collaborate with all approved high-quality preschool program
12 sites in the district to better serve children enrolled in the
13 preschool program by extending the day through other state
14 funding and federal funding and promoting family involvement
15 through family support programs as well as district programs,
16 participate in data collection and performance measurement
17 processes and reporting, identify eligible children through
18 targeted outreach to all families in partnership with the early
19 childhood Iowa area board, collect information regarding and
20 verify family income to implement the sliding tuition scale,
21 address professional development for school district preschool
22 teachers in the school district's professional development
23 plan, collaborate with private education partners to provide
24 a coordinated system of appropriate professional development
25 for preschool teachers and staff, and pay only verified claims
26 submitted by private education partners.

27 DEPARTMENT REQUIREMENTS. The department is required to
28 implement an application and approval process for school
29 district participation in the program; track the progress of
30 children in the program and their performance in elementary
31 and secondary education; implement procedures to monitor the
32 quality of the programming at all program sites; determine
33 a statewide comprehensive child assessment to measure child
34 outcomes at all sites; submit an annual report to the governor,
35 the general assembly, the early childhood Iowa state board, and

1 the child development coordinating council; develop a statewide
2 list of approved preschool programs and publish the list on
3 its website; and develop and review annually a sliding tuition
4 scale for purposes of granting preschool program scholarships
5 to families whose incomes are at or below 300 percent of the
6 federal poverty level.

7 The early childhood Iowa state board and the child
8 development coordinating council must advise the department
9 regarding collaboration of high-quality preschool programs
10 for eligible children; the early childhood Iowa state board
11 must promote the preschool program in local community areas
12 to increase family awareness of quality preschool programs
13 and scholarship opportunities; and the early childhood Iowa
14 area boards shall collaborate with school districts and their
15 private education partners to strengthen preschool quality.

16 FUNDING PROVISIONS. State funding provided for preschool
17 scholarships shall be allocated to school districts based upon
18 the amount appropriated and the funding formula set forth in
19 the bill.

20 Except as otherwise provided in statute, a school district
21 may authorize expenditures for its preschool programming from
22 any of the revenue sources available to the district from
23 the sources listed in Code chapter 298A, which includes the
24 physical plant and equipment levy fund, the student nutrition
25 fund, and the capital projects fund, among other funds.
26 However, preschool scholarship funding shall not be used for
27 the costs of constructing a facility in connection with a
28 school district or private education partner preschool program.

29 Not more than 5 percent of the scholarship funding received
30 annually by a school district shall be used for the costs of
31 supervising the program.

32 The enrollment count for the preschool program shall include
33 all eligible children who are enrolled in and attending a
34 preschool program implemented by a school district and the
35 private education partners on October 1 or the first Monday in

1 October if October 1 falls on a Saturday or Sunday. The school
2 district must collect the counts and certify the counts to the
3 department by October 15.

4 STATE FUNDING — ALLOCATION AND REDISTRIBUTION. For each
5 fiscal year in which the general assembly appropriates moneys
6 for purposes of the preschool program for four-year-old
7 children, scholarship funding shall be allocated to approved
8 school districts on a per pupil basis calculated on the
9 proportion that the number of the school district's first
10 grade children who are eligible for free or reduced price
11 meals, multiplied by the average of the previous three years
12 of certified kindergarten enrollment, bears to the sum of the
13 number of first grade children in all approved school districts
14 who are eligible for free or reduced price meals, multiplied
15 by the average of the previous three years of certified
16 kindergarten enrollment in all approved school districts in the
17 state for the base year.

18 Based on the October 1 certified preschool count, the
19 department shall evaluate the needs of approved school
20 districts and approved private education partners and
21 shall take action to redistribute unused state funding as
22 appropriate.

23 No district shall receive preschool scholarship payments
24 without school district or private education partner preschool
25 program sites.

26 For subsequent budget years, continuation of a school
27 district's participation in the preschool program is subject to
28 the approval of the department based upon the school district's
29 compliance with accountability provisions and the department's
30 on-site review of the school district's implementation of the
31 preschool program.

32 State funds provided for the preschool scholarship program
33 shall not be expended for any purpose not expressly authorized
34 by statute or administrative rule.

35 INSUFFICIENT FUNDING. If funds appropriated by the general

1 assembly are not sufficient to pay the total allocation to
2 eligible school districts, the allocation shall be based on the
3 proportion that the total allocation for each school district
4 bears to the sum of the total allocations to all school
5 districts.

6 PAYMENTS TO PRIVATE EDUCATION PARTNERS. Reimbursements
7 shall be provided to private education partners by approved
8 school districts on a monthly basis upon submission and
9 verification of actual instructional costs incurred in the
10 fiscal year.

11 DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATION AND OVERSIGHT. Of the amount
12 appropriated for purposes of Code chapter 256J for a fiscal
13 year, the department is authorized to use an amount sufficient
14 to fund up to four full-time equivalent positions which shall
15 be in addition to the number of positions authorized for the
16 department for the fiscal year to provide administration and
17 oversight of the preschool program.

18 OPEN ENROLLMENT NOT APPLICABLE. Code section 282.18,
19 relating to open enrollment, shall not apply to preschool
20 programs. However, approved programs shall be open to all
21 eligible Iowa children, regardless of a child's district of
22 residence.

23 PARTICIPATION IN PRESCHOOL NOT GOOD CAUSE. Participation by
24 a child in an approved preschool program does not qualify as
25 "good cause", for purposes of claiming continuous enrollment in
26 a school district other than the district of residence.