

**Senate File 151 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act increasing the property tax levy for community college  
2 operations and including applicability provisions.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 260C.17, Code 2011, is amended to read  
2 as follows:

3 **260C.17 Preparation and approval of budget — tax.**

4 1. The board of directors of each merged area shall prepare  
5 an annual budget designating the proposed expenditures for  
6 operation of the community college. The board shall further  
7 designate the amounts which are to be raised by local taxation  
8 and the amounts which are to be raised by other sources of  
9 revenue for the operation. The budget of each merged area  
10 shall be submitted to the state board no later than May 1  
11 preceding the next fiscal year for approval. The state board  
12 shall review the proposed budget and shall, prior to June 1,  
13 either grant its approval or return the budget without approval  
14 with the comments of the state board attached to it. Any  
15 unapproved budget shall be resubmitted to the state board for  
16 final approval. Upon approval of the budget by the state  
17 board, the board of directors shall certify the amount to  
18 the respective county auditors and the boards of supervisors  
19 annually shall levy a tax of ~~twenty and one-fourth~~ eighty cents  
20 per thousand dollars of assessed value on taxable property in a  
21 merged area for the operation of a community college. Taxes  
22 collected pursuant to the levy shall be paid by the respective  
23 county treasurers to the treasurer of the merged area as  
24 provided in section 331.552, subsection 29.

25 2. It is the policy of this state that the property tax  
26 for the operation of community colleges shall not in any event  
27 exceed ~~twenty and one-fourth~~ eighty cents per thousand dollars  
28 of assessed value, and that the present and future costs of  
29 such operation in excess of the funds raised by such levy shall  
30 be the responsibility of the state and shall not be paid from  
31 property tax.

32 Sec. 2. Section 260C.18C, subsection 2, paragraph o, Code  
33 2011, is amended to read as follows:

34 o. "*General fund property tax revenue*" means the amount of  
35 moneys a community college raised or could have raised from a

1 property tax of ~~twenty and one-fourth~~ eighty cents per thousand  
2 dollars of assessed valuation on all taxable property in its  
3 merged area collected for the base year.

4 Sec. 3. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to budget years  
5 beginning on or after July 1, 2011.

6 EXPLANATION

7 This bill increases the property tax levy rate for  
8 operations of community colleges from 20 1/4 cents per \$1,000  
9 of assessed value to 80 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value on  
10 taxable property in the merged area.

11 The bill applies to budget years beginning on or after July  
12 1, 2011.