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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to student performance by establishing an  
2 education remediation council and an advanced placement  
3 funding formula.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 256.27 Education remediation  
2 council.

3 1. An education remediation council is established  
4 consisting of eight members appointed as follows:

5 a. One member representing the community colleges appointed  
6 by the president of the Iowa association of community college  
7 presidents.

8 b. One member representing the accredited private  
9 institutions appointed by the president of the Iowa association  
10 of independent colleges and universities.

11 c. One member representing the institutions of higher  
12 education governed by the state board of regents appointed by  
13 the president of the state board of regents.

14 d. One member representing the practitioner preparation  
15 programs at institutions of higher education governed by the  
16 state board of regents appointed by the president of the state  
17 board of regents.

18 e. One member representing school districts appointed by the  
19 president of the Iowa association of school boards.

20 f. One member representing accredited nonpublic schools  
21 appointed by the director of the department of education.

22 g. One member representing the department of education  
23 appointed by the director of the department of education.

24 h. One member representing the area education agencies  
25 appointed by the area education agency administrators.

26 2. Council members shall serve three-year terms beginning  
27 and ending as provided in section 69.19, and appointments shall  
28 comply with sections 69.16, 69.16A, and 69.16C. Vacancies on  
29 the council shall be filled in the same manner as the original  
30 appointment. A person appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve  
31 only for the unexpired portion of the term. Council members  
32 are entitled to receive reimbursement for actual and necessary  
33 expenses incurred while engaged in the performance of official  
34 duties, but shall not receive a per diem.

35 3. The member representing the department of education

1 shall convene the initial meeting. The council shall elect one  
2 of its members as chairperson. The council shall meet at least  
3 quarterly, and at any time on the call of the chairperson.

4 4. The department shall provide staffing services for the  
5 council.

6 5. a. Prior to the initial meeting of the council, the  
7 member representing the community colleges shall convene  
8 a meeting of members appointed pursuant to subsection 1,  
9 paragraphs "a" through "d" to define "remediation" for purposes  
10 of the council and outline the skills and expectations for  
11 postsecondary level attendance. The definitions and outline  
12 shall be distributed and discussed at the initial council  
13 meeting.

14 b. The council shall identify measures to help students  
15 transition from the secondary to the postsecondary level, to  
16 limit the costs of remediation at the postsecondary level,  
17 to define and standardize the skill sets that determine the  
18 need for remediation, and to create effective partnerships  
19 between secondary schools and higher education institutions.  
20 The council shall review activities and services designed to  
21 align school district curricula with core postsecondary level  
22 requirements and decrease the need for remedial coursework at  
23 the secondary school grade level through grade sixteen. The  
24 council shall develop strategies to strengthen grade nine  
25 through grade sixteen standards, competencies, and assessment  
26 systems, and the professional development of teachers. For the  
27 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, the council shall focus on  
28 mathematics and English remediation measures.

29 6. The council shall submit its findings and  
30 recommendations in a report to the state board of education  
31 and the general assembly by November 15 annually. The state  
32 board and department of education shall use the findings and  
33 recommendations to strengthen the common core curriculum and  
34 core content standards for secondary schools.

35 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 257.16B Advanced placement performance

1 **funding.**

2 1. For purposes of this section, "*advanced placement*  
3 *student*" means a student who was enrolled in the school district  
4 during the school year preceding the base year, who was  
5 enrolled in one or more advanced placement courses during such  
6 school year as provided under section 261E.4, and who achieved  
7 a score on the advanced placement examination for at least  
8 one such course of three or higher on the advanced placement  
9 five-point scale.

10 2. For budget years beginning on or after July 1, 2015,  
11 the department of management shall allocate from amounts  
12 appropriated by the general assembly to the department of  
13 management, and from other moneys available to and obtained or  
14 accepted by the department of management, for the purpose of  
15 providing advanced placement performance funding for school  
16 districts as provided in this section.

17 a. The department of education shall certify to the  
18 department of management the total number of advanced placement  
19 students enrolled in each school district.

20 b. The department of management shall on or before July 1 of  
21 the budget year notify each school district of the amount of  
22 advanced placement performance funding under this section.

23 3. a. A school district shall receive an amount equal  
24 to the school district's total number of advanced placement  
25 students divided by the total number of advanced placement  
26 students in the state, multiplied by the amount of moneys  
27 available under subsection 1 to provide advanced placement  
28 performance funding for the budget year.

29 b. Payments made to school districts under this section are  
30 miscellaneous income and may be used for any school district  
31 general fund purpose.

32 4. The state board of education shall adopt rules pursuant  
33 to chapter 17A necessary to administer this section, including  
34 rules that prescribe all necessary reporting requirements for  
35 school districts.

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This bill relates to student performance by establishing an education remediation council charged with identifying measures to help students transition from the secondary to postsecondary level and to limit the costs of remediation at the postsecondary level; and by establishing an advanced placement performance funding formula to provide for distribution of any funds made available for that purpose to school districts with students who have received a score of three or higher on an advanced placement examination.

The education remediation council consists of eight members appointed to three-year terms as follows: one member representing the community colleges appointed by the president of the Iowa association of community college presidents; one member representing the accredited private institutions appointed by the president of the Iowa association of independent colleges and universities; one member representing the regents universities and one member representing the practitioner preparation programs at the regents universities, both appointed by the president of the state board of regents; one member representing school districts appointed by the president of the Iowa association of school boards; one member representing accredited nonpublic schools and one member representing the department of education, both appointed by the director of the department of education; and one member representing the area education agencies appointed by the area education agency administrators.

The member representing the department of education shall convene the initial meeting. The council shall elect one of its members as chairperson. The council shall meet at least quarterly, and at any time on the call of the chairperson. The department shall provide staffing services for the council.

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