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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to supplementary weighting for shared
- 2 operational functions of school districts and including
- 3 effective date provisions.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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      Section 1. Section 257.11, subsection 7, paragraph a,
 2 subparagraph (1), Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:
           In order to provide additional funding to increase
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 4 student opportunities and redirect more resources to student
 5 programming for school districts that share operational
 6 functions, a supplementary weighting of two hundredths per
 7 pupil shall be assigned to pupils enrolled in a district that
 8 shares with a political subdivision one or more operational
 9 functions of a curriculum director, school administration
10 manager, social worker, school nurse, school counselor, or
11 school librarian, or one or more operational functions in the
12 areas of superintendent management, business management, human
13 resources, transportation, or operation and maintenance for
14 at least twenty percent of the school year shall be assigned
15 a supplementary weighting of five pupils for each shared
16 operational function. The additional weighting shall be
17 assigned for each discrete operational function shared. The
18 operational function sharing arrangement does not need to be a
19 newly implemented sharing arrangement to receive supplementary
20 weighting under this subsection. However, to receive
21 supplementary weighting under this subsection for an ongoing
22 operational function sharing arrangement that began before
23 July 1, 2014, the district shall submit information to the
24 department documenting the cost savings directly attributable
25 to the shared operational functions and describe the district's
26 consideration of additional shared operational functions.
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      Sec. 2. Section 257.11, subsection 7, paragraphs c and d,
28 Code 2014, are amended to read as follows:
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          Supplementary weighting pursuant to this subsection
30 shall be available to a school district for a maximum of
31 five years during the period commencing with the budget year
32 beginning July 1, 2014, through the budget year beginning July
33 1, 2019. The minimum amount of additional weighting for which
34 a school district shall be eligible is an amount equivalent to
35 ten additional pupils, and the maximum amount of additional
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1 weighting for which a school district shall be eligible is
 2 an amount equivalent to forty additional pupils. Receipt of
 3 supplementary weighting by a school district pursuant to this
 4 subsection for more than one year shall be contingent upon
 5 the annual submission of information by the district to the
 6 department documenting cost savings directly attributable to
 7 the shared operational functions. Criteria for determining
 8 the number of years for which supplementary weighting shall
 9 be received pursuant to this subsection, subject to the
10 five-year maximum, and for determining qualification of
11 operational functions for supplementary weighting shall be
12 determined by the department by rule, through consideration of
13 long-term savings by the school district or increased student
14 opportunities.
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          Supplementary weighting pursuant to this subsection
16 shall be available to an area education agency for a maximum of
17 five years during the period commencing with the budget year
18 beginning July 1, 2014, through the budget year beginning July
19 1, 2019. However, in lieu of the amount of weighting provided
20 to school districts for shared operational functions under
21 paragraph "a", a supplementary weighting of two hundredths per
22 pupil shall be assigned to each pupil within the area served by
23 the area education agency. The minimum amount of additional
24 funding for which an area education agency shall be eligible is
25 fifty thousand dollars, and the maximum amount of additional
26 funding for which an area education agency shall be eligible
27 is two hundred thousand dollars. The department of management
28 shall annually set a weighting for each area education agency
29 to generate the approved operational sharing expense using the
30 area education agency's special education cost per pupil amount
31 and foundation level. Receipt of supplementary weighting
32 by an area education agency for more than one year shall be
33 contingent upon the annual submission of information by the
34 district to the department documenting cost savings directly
35 attributable to the shared operational functions. Criteria
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- 1 for determining the number of years for which supplementary
- 2 weighting shall be received pursuant to this subsection,
- 3 subject to the five-year maximum, and the amount generated by
- 4 the supplementary weighting, and for determining qualification
- 5 of operational functions for supplementary weighting shall be
- 6 determined by the department by rule, through consideration of
- 7 long-term savings by the area education agency or increased
- 8 student opportunities.
- 9 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of
- 10 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.
- 11 EXPLANATION
- The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
- Code section 257.11(7), enacted in 2013 Iowa Acts, ch 65
- 15 (HF 472), established supplementary weighting of 0.02 per
- 16 pupil for school districts and area education agencies that
- 17 share with a political subdivision one or more operational
- 18 functions of a curriculum director, school administration
- 19 manager, social worker, school nurse, school counselor, or
- 20 school librarian, or one or more operational functions in the
- 21 areas of superintendent management, business management, human
- 22 resources, transportation, or operation and maintenance for at
- 23 least 20 percent of the school year. The additional weighting
- 24 is assigned for each discrete operational function shared. The
- 25 supplementary weighting is available to a school district for
- 26 a maximum of five years during the period commencing with the
- 27 budget year beginning July 1, 2014, through the budget year
- 28 beginning July 1, 2019. Code section 257.11(7) establishes a
- 29 minimum amount and a maximum amount of additional weighting
- 30 for which a school district or area education agency may be
- 31 eligible.
- 32 This bill strikes the curriculum director, school
- 33 administration manager, social worker, school nurse, school
- 34 counselor, and school librarian from the list of operational
- 35 functions for which supplementary weighting is provided to

- 1 school districts and area education agencies.
- 2 The bill also strikes the 0.02 per pupil supplementary
- 3 weighting for school districts and establishes an additional
- 4 weighting of five pupils for each shared operational function
- 5 of the school district. The bill also strikes the minimum and
- 6 maximum amounts of additional weighting for which a school
- 7 district may be eligible.
- 8 The bill retains the 0.02 per pupil supplementary weighting
- 9 provided to area education agencies. The bill also retains the
- 10 minimum amount and maximum amount of additional weighting for
- 11 which an area education agency may be eligible.
- 12 The bill takes effect upon enactment.