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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 558)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to incentives for whole grade sharing and
2 reorganization or dissolution by school districts.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 257.3, subsection 2, paragraph d, Code
2 2014, is amended to read as follows:

3 *d.* For purposes of this section, a reorganized school
4 district is one which absorbs at least thirty percent of the
5 enrollment of the school district affected by a reorganization
6 or dissolved during a dissolution and in which action to bring
7 about a reorganization or dissolution is initiated by a vote
8 of the board of directors or jointly by the affected boards of
9 directors to take effect on or after July 1, 2007, and on or
10 before July 1, ~~2014~~ 2019. Each district which initiated, by
11 a vote of the board of directors or jointly by the affected
12 boards, action to bring about a reorganization or dissolution
13 to take effect on or after July 1, 2007, and on or before
14 July 1, ~~2014~~ 2019, shall certify the date and the nature of
15 the action taken to the department of education by January 1
16 of the year in which the reorganization or dissolution takes
17 effect. ~~For a reorganization or dissolution that took effect~~
18 ~~on or after July 1, 2002, and on or before July 1, 2006, the~~
19 ~~reorganized school district shall continue to receive the~~
20 ~~benefits of paragraphs "a" and "b" of this subsection for the~~
21 ~~time specified in those paragraphs.~~

22 Sec. 2. Section 257.11, subsection 2, paragraph c, Code
23 2014, is amended to read as follows:

24 *c.* Pupils attending class for all or a substantial portion
25 of a school day pursuant to a whole grade sharing agreement
26 executed under sections 282.10 through 282.12 shall be eligible
27 for supplementary weighting pursuant to this subsection. A
28 school district which executes a whole grade sharing agreement
29 and which adopts a resolution jointly with other affected
30 boards to study the question of undergoing a reorganization
31 or dissolution to take effect on or before July 1, ~~2014~~ 2019,
32 shall receive a weighting of one-tenth of the percentage of
33 the pupil's school day during which the pupil attends classes
34 in another district, attends classes taught by a teacher who
35 is jointly employed under section 280.15, or attends classes

1 taught by a teacher who is employed by another school district.
2 A district shall be eligible for supplementary weighting
3 pursuant to this paragraph for a maximum of three years.
4 Receipt of supplementary weighting for a second and third year
5 shall be conditioned upon submission of information resulting
6 from the study to the school budget review committee indicating
7 progress toward the objective of reorganization on or before
8 July 1, ~~2014~~ 2019.

9 Sec. 3. Section 257.11, subsection 5, Code 2014, is amended
10 by striking the subsection.

11 Sec. 4. Section 257.11A, Code 2014, is amended to read as
12 follows:

13 **257.11A Supplementary weighting and school reorganization.**

14 1. In determining weighted enrollment under section 257.6,
15 if the board of directors of a school district has approved a
16 contract for sharing pursuant to section 257.11 and the school
17 district has approved an action to bring about a reorganization
18 to take effect on and after July 1, 2007, and on or before July
19 1, ~~2014~~ 2019, the reorganized school district shall include,
20 for a period of three years following the effective date of
21 the reorganization, additional pupils added by the application
22 of the supplementary weighting plan, equal to the pupils added
23 by the application of the supplementary weighting plan in the
24 year preceding the reorganization. For the purposes of this
25 subsection, the weighted enrollment for the period of three
26 years following the effective date of reorganization shall
27 include the supplementary weighting in the base year used for
28 determining the combined district cost for the first year of
29 the reorganization. However, the weighting shall be reduced by
30 the supplementary weighting added for a pupil whose residency
31 is not within the reorganized district.

32 2. For purposes of this section, a reorganized district is
33 one in which the reorganization was approved in an election
34 pursuant to sections 275.18 and 275.20 and takes effect on or
35 after July 1, 2007, and on or before July 1, ~~2014~~ 2019. Each

1 district which initiates, by a vote of the board of directors
2 or jointly by the affected boards, action to bring about a
3 reorganization or dissolution to take effect on or after July
4 1, 2007, and on or before July 1, ~~2014~~ 2019, shall certify the
5 date and the nature of the action taken to the department of
6 education by January 1 of the year in which the reorganization
7 or dissolution takes effect.

8 3. A school district shall be eligible for a combined
9 maximum total of six years of supplementary weighting under the
10 provisions of this section and section 257.11, subsection 2,
11 paragraph "c". ~~A school district participating in a whole grade
12 sharing arrangement during the budget year beginning July 1,
13 2001, that adopted a resolution jointly with other affected
14 boards to study the question of undergoing a reorganization
15 or dissolution to take effect on or after July 1, 2002, and
16 on or before July 1, 2006, shall continue to receive the
17 supplementary weighting to which it was entitled pursuant to
18 the provisions of this section and section 257.11, subsection
19 2, paragraph "c".~~

20 EXPLANATION

21 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
22 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

23 This bill extends to July 1, 2019, certain incentives for
24 school district reorganization or dissolution, and strikes
25 obsolete language relating to supplementary weighting for
26 students attending classes in a regional academy.

27 The bill provides for a reduced uniform levy as an incentive
28 for school districts that reorganize on or before July 1, 2019.

29 The bill also allows school districts that execute a whole
30 grade sharing agreement and adopt a resolution to study the
31 effect of undergoing a reorganization or dissolution to take
32 effect on or before July 1, 2019, to receive a weighting of
33 one-tenth of a percentage of a student's school day during
34 which the student attends classes in another district, is
35 taught by a teacher jointly employed, or attends classes taught

1 by a teacher employed by another district. This supplementary
2 weighting is available for not more than three years.

3 The bill amends a provision that provides for supplementary
4 weighting funding for three years for a reorganized school
5 district, whose reorganization takes effect on or before
6 July 1, 2019, in an amount that is equal to the funding that
7 it received in the year preceding the effective date of its
8 reorganization.

9 Obsolete language, providing for a reduced uniform levy or
10 reorganization or dissolution that took effect between July 1,
11 2002, and July 1, 2006, is stricken.