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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3021)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act providing for the establishment of an Iowa middle school
- 2 extended learning time pilot project grant program.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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- 1 Section 1. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. **256.34 Middle school extended**2 learning time pilot project grant program.
- 3 1. Subject to an appropriation by the general assembly for
- 4 purposes of this section, the department shall establish a
- 5 pilot project grant program to provide funding to one or more
- 6 school districts individually or working collaboratively for
- 7 planning and implementing extended learning time for middle
- 8 school students in the form of longer school days or a longer
- 9 school year.
- 10 2. The department shall develop an application and
- 11 evaluation process for approval of pilot project grant
- 12 applications submitted by school districts. In evaluating
- 13 grant applications, the department shall consider all of the
- 14 following:
- 15 a. The percentage of eighth grade students in the school
- 16 district in a designated middle school building or in a
- 17 specific student population within such a building who have not
- 18 demonstrated proficiency in reading.
- 19 b. Evidence that the school district has included
- 20 community-based organizations in the submission of the
- 21 application.
- 22 c. The school district's proposed comprehensive
- 23 restructuring of the school day or year to maximize the use of
- 24 extra time for learning by middle school students, including a
- 25 mix of additional time spent on core academics and enrichment
- 26 opportunities.
- 27 d. Whether the school district's plan for teacher
- 28 collaboration and professional development of professional
- 29 staff supports success of the extended learning time pilot
- 30 project.
- 31 3. A school district awarded an extended learning time pilot
- 32 project grant shall do all of the following:
- 33 a. Add up to three hundred hours of additional instruction
- 34 or learning activities annually for all students in a
- 35 designated middle school building or in a specific student

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- 1 population within such a building.
- 2 b. Enter into an annual performance agreement with the
- 3 department that establishes clear academic achievement goals,
- 4 developed collaboratively with district teachers, for
- 5 each designated middle school building.
- 6 4. Extended learning time pilot project grants shall be
- 7 awarded for a period of three years, subject annually to a
- 8 successful review of program performance by the department.
- 9 5. School districts may collaborate with one another to 10 submit a joint grant application.
- 11 EXPLANATION
- The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
- 14 This bill provides for the establishment of an Iowa middle
- 15 school extended learning time pilot project grant program by
- 16 the department of education, subject to an appropriation by the
- 17 general assembly, to provide funding to school districts for
- 18 planning and implementing extended learning time for middle
- 19 school students in the form of longer school days or a longer
- 20 school year.
- 21 In evaluating grant applications, the department shall
- 22 consider the percentage of eighth grade students in the
- 23 school district in a designated middle school building or in
- 24 a specific student population within such a building who have
- 25 not demonstrated proficiency in reading; evidence that the
- 26 school district has included community-based organizations in
- 27 the submission of the application; the district's proposed
- 28 comprehensive restructuring of the school day or year to
- 29 maximize the use of extra time for learning, including a mix
- 30 of additional time spent on core academics and enrichment
- 31 opportunities; and whether the school district's plan
- 32 for teacher collaboration and professional development of
- 33 professional staff supports success of the extended learning
- 34 time pilot project.
- 35 A school district awarded an extended learning time

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- 1 pilot project grant must add up to 300 hours of additional
- 2 instruction or learning activities annually for all students in
- 3 a designated middle school building or in a specific student
- 4 population within such a building; and enter into an annual
- 5 performance agreement with the department that establishes
- 6 clear academic achievement goals, developed collaboratively
- 7 with district teachers, for each designated building.
- 8 Grants shall be awarded for a period of three years, subject
- 9 annually to a successful review of program performance by the
- 10 department. School districts may collaborate with one another
- 11 to submit a joint grant application.