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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to supplementary weighting for limited English
2 proficient students and including effective date provisions.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 257.31, subsection 5, paragraph j, Code
2 2013, is amended to read as follows:

3 *j.* Unusual need to continue providing a program or other
4 special assistance to non-English speaking pupils after
5 the expiration of the ~~four-year~~ applicable period of years
6 specified in section 280.4.

7 Sec. 2. Section 280.4, subsection 3, Code 2013, is amended
8 to read as follows:

9 3. *a.* In order to provide funds for the excess costs
10 of instruction of limited English proficient students above
11 the costs of instruction of pupils in a regular curriculum,
12 students identified as limited English proficient shall be
13 assigned an additional weighting of twenty-two hundredths, and
14 that weighting shall be included in the weighted enrollment of
15 the school district of residence for a period not exceeding
16 ~~four~~ the number of years specified in paragraph "b". However,
17 the school budget review committee may grant supplemental aid
18 or modified allowable growth to a school district to continue
19 funding a program for students after the expiration of the
20 ~~four-year~~ specified period of years in paragraph "b".

21 *b.* (1) For students first determined to be limited English
22 proficient for a budget year beginning before July 1, 2013,
23 the additional weighting provided under paragraph "a" shall be
24 included in the weighted enrollment of the school district of
25 residence for a period not exceeding four years.

26 (2) For students first determined to be limited English
27 proficient for the budget year beginning July 1, 2013, the
28 additional weighting provided under paragraph "a" shall be
29 included in the weighted enrollment of the school district of
30 residence for a period not exceeding five years.

31 (3) For students first determined to be limited English
32 proficient for the budget year beginning July 1, 2014, the
33 additional weighting provided under paragraph "a" shall be
34 included in the weighted enrollment of the school district of
35 residence for a period not exceeding six years.

1 (4) For students first determined to be limited English
2 proficient for a budget year beginning on or after July 1,
3 2015, the additional weighting provided under paragraph "a"
4 shall be included in the weighted enrollment of the school
5 district of residence for a period not exceeding seven years.

6 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of
7 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

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EXPLANATION

9 Current Code section 280.4 provides funds for the excess
10 costs of instruction of limited English proficient students
11 above the costs of instruction of pupils in a regular
12 curriculum. This funding is provided for a period not to
13 exceed four years through assignment of an additional weighting
14 of 22 hundredths to each student identified as limited English
15 proficient.

16 This bill increases the number of years for which a school
17 district of residence may include the additional weighting for
18 a student determined to be limited English proficient. Under
19 the bill, for students first determined to be limited English
20 proficient for a budget year beginning before July 1, 2013,
21 the additional weighting shall be included in the weighted
22 enrollment of the school district of residence for a period
23 not exceeding four years. For students first determined to
24 be limited English proficient for the budget year beginning
25 July 1, 2013, the additional weighting shall be included in the
26 weighted enrollment of the school district of residence for a
27 period not exceeding five years. For students first determined
28 to be limited English proficient for the budget year beginning
29 July 1, 2014, the additional weighting shall be included in the
30 weighted enrollment of the school district of residence for a
31 period not exceeding six years. For students first determined
32 to be limited English proficient for a budget year beginning
33 on or after July 1, 2015, the additional weighting shall be
34 included in the weighted enrollment of the school district of
35 residence for a period not exceeding seven years.

1 The bill takes effect upon enactment.