

**Senate Study Bill 3150 - Introduced**

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE  
ON EDUCATION BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON QUIRMBACH)

**A BILL FOR**

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

1 Section 1. Section 257.11, subsection 7, paragraph a,  
2 subparagraph (1), Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:

3 (1) In order to provide additional funding to increase  
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  
12 the areas of superintendent management, business management,  
13 human resources, transportation, or operation and maintenance  
14 for at least twenty percent of the school year, shall be  
15 assigned a supplementary weighting of five pupils for each  
16 shared 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.~~

27 Sec. 2. Section 257.11, subsection 7, paragraphs c and d,  
28 Code 2014, are amended to read as follows:

29 c. 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~~

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.~~

15 *d.* 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. The minimum amount of additional funding for which  
20 an area education agency shall be eligible is ~~fifty~~ thirty  
21 thousand dollars, and the maximum amount of additional funding  
22 for which an area education agency shall be eligible is two  
23 hundred thousand dollars. The department of management shall  
24 annually set a weighting for each area education agency to  
25 generate the approved operational sharing expense using the  
26 area education agency's special education cost per pupil amount  
27 and foundation level. ~~Receipt of supplementary weighting~~  
28 ~~by an area education agency for more than one year shall be~~  
29 ~~contingent upon the annual submission of information by the~~  
30 ~~district to the department documenting cost savings directly~~  
31 ~~attributable to the shared operational functions. Criteria~~  
32 ~~for determining the number of years for which supplementary~~  
33 ~~weighting shall be received pursuant to this subsection,~~  
34 ~~subject to the five-year maximum, and the amount generated by~~  
35 ~~the supplementary weighting, and for determining qualification~~

1 of operational functions for supplementary weighting shall be  
2 determined by the department by rule, through consideration of  
3 ~~long-term savings by the area education agency or~~ increased  
4 student opportunities.

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

7 EXPLANATION

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

10 Code section 257.11(7), enacted in 2013 Iowa Acts, chapter  
11 65 (HF 472), established supplementary weighting of 0.02 per  
12 pupil for school districts and area education agencies that  
13 share with a political subdivision one or more operational  
14 functions of a curriculum director, school administration  
15 manager, social worker, school nurse, school counselor, or  
16 school librarian, or one or more operational functions in the  
17 areas of superintendent management, business management, human  
18 resources, transportation, or operation and maintenance for at  
19 least 20 percent of the school year. The additional weighting  
20 is assigned for each discrete operational function shared. The  
21 supplementary weighting is available to a school district for  
22 a maximum of five years during the period commencing with the  
23 budget year beginning July 1, 2014, through the budget year  
24 beginning July 1, 2019. Code section 257.11(7) establishes a  
25 minimum amount and a maximum amount of additional weighting for  
26 which a school district or area education agency is eligible.

27 The bill strikes the 0.02 per pupil supplementary weighting  
28 and establishes an additional weighting of five pupils for each  
29 shared operational function. The bill also strikes the minimum  
30 amount of additional weighting for which a school district is  
31 eligible and changes the minimum amount of additional funding  
32 for which an area education agency is eligible from \$50,000 to  
33 \$30,000.

34 The bill also strikes provisions that required certain  
35 documentation and reporting of the cost savings directly

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1 attributable to shared operational functions.

2 The bill takes effect upon enactment.