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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the determination of the regular program
2 state cost per pupil and the regular program district cost
3 per pupil and including effective date provisions.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 257.8, subsection 5, Code 2016, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 5. *Alternate supplemental state aid — definitions.*

4 a. For budget years beginning July 1, 2000, and subsequent
5 budget years, references to the terms “*supplemental state aid*”,
6 “*regular program state cost per pupil*”, and “*regular program*
7 *district cost per pupil*” shall mean those terms as calculated
8 for those school districts that calculated regular program
9 supplemental state aid for the school budget year beginning
10 July 1, 1999, with the additional thirty-eight dollars
11 specified in [section 257.8, subsection 4, Code 2013](#).

12 b. For budget years beginning July 1, 2016, and subsequent
13 budget years, references to “*supplemental state aid*” and
14 “*regular program state cost per pupil*” shall mean those terms
15 as calculated including the additional amounts for specified
16 budget years under [section 257.9, subsection 2, paragraphs “b”](#)
17 [and “c”](#), and references to “*regular program district cost per*
18 *pupil*” shall mean that term including any adjustments made under
19 [section 257.10, subsection 2](#).

20 Sec. 2. Section 257.9, subsection 2, Code 2016, is amended
21 to read as follows:

22 2. *Regular program state cost per pupil for 1992-1993 and*
23 *succeeding years.*

24 a. For the budget year beginning July 1, 1992, and
25 succeeding budget years beginning before July 1, 2016, the
26 regular program state cost per pupil for a budget year is the
27 regular program state cost per pupil for the base year plus the
28 regular program supplemental state aid for the budget year.

29 b. For the budget year beginning July 1, 2016, and
30 succeeding budget years beginning before July 1, 2024, the
31 regular program state cost per pupil is the regular program
32 state cost per pupil for the base year plus the regular
33 program supplemental state aid for the budget year, plus twenty
34 dollars.

35 c. For the budget year beginning July 1, 2024, the regular

1 program state cost per pupil is the regular program state
2 cost per pupil for the base year plus the regular program
3 supplemental state aid for the budget year, plus fifteen
4 dollars.

5 d. For the budget year beginning July 1, 2025, and
6 succeeding budget years, the regular program state cost per
7 pupil is the regular program state cost per pupil for the base
8 year plus the regular program supplemental state aid for the
9 budget year.

10 Sec. 3. Section 257.10, subsection 2, Code 2016, is amended
11 by adding the following new paragraph:

12 NEW PARAGRAPH. c. For the budget year beginning July 1,
13 2016, and succeeding budget years, if the regular program
14 district cost per pupil for the budget year calculated under
15 this subsection in any school district is less than the
16 regular program state cost per pupil for the budget year, the
17 department of management shall increase the regular program
18 district cost per pupil of that district to an amount equal to
19 the regular program state cost per pupil for the budget year.

20 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of
21 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

22 EXPLANATION

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

25 This bill relates to the determination of the regular
26 program state cost per pupil and the determination of the
27 regular program district cost per pupil for school districts.
28 Those amounts are used to determine supplemental state aid
29 amounts for each school budget year, determining the budget
30 authority for each school district, and determining amounts
31 of preschool foundation aid for schools participating in the
32 statewide preschool program for four-year-old children under
33 Code chapter 256C.

34 Current Code section 257.9 provides that for the budget
35 year beginning July 1, 1992, and succeeding budget years, the

1 regular program state cost per pupil for a budget year is the
2 regular program state cost per pupil for the base year plus the
3 regular program supplemental state aid for the budget year.

4 Under the bill, for the budget year beginning July 1,
5 2016, and succeeding budget years beginning before July 1,
6 2024, the regular program state cost per pupil is the regular
7 program state cost per pupil for the base year plus the regular
8 program supplemental state aid for the budget year, plus \$20.
9 Additionally, for the budget year beginning July 1, 2024, the
10 regular program state cost per pupil is the regular program
11 state cost per pupil for the base year plus the regular program
12 supplemental state aid for the budget year, plus \$15. With
13 the budget year beginning July 1, 2025, and succeeding budget
14 years, the regular program state cost per pupil will again be
15 calculated as the regular program state cost per pupil for the
16 base year plus the regular program supplemental state aid for
17 the budget year, without any additional amount added.

18 The bill also provides that if the regular program district
19 cost per pupil for the budget year calculated for any school
20 district is less than the regular program state cost per
21 pupil for the budget year, the department of management shall
22 increase the regular program district cost per pupil of that
23 district to an amount equal to the regular program state cost
24 per pupil for the budget year.

25 The bill takes effect upon enactment.