

**House File 320 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to school district transportation costs by  
2 establishing supplementary weighting for pupils in certain  
3 school districts and including effective date provisions.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 257.11, Code 2015, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 7A. *School district per pupil transportation*  
4 *cost.*

5 a. In order to provide additional funds for school districts  
6 with district transportation costs per pupil in excess of  
7 the state average transportation costs per pupil, as those  
8 amounts are determined under section 257.31, subsection 17,  
9 a supplementary weighting plan for determining enrollment is  
10 adopted.

11 b. A supplementary weighting amount per pupil as determined  
12 under paragraph "c" shall be assigned to each pupil included  
13 in the budget enrollment of a school district that meets the  
14 requirement of paragraph "a".

15 c. For each budget year beginning on or after July 1,  
16 2015, the supplementary weighting amounts assigned under this  
17 subsection are as follows:

18 (1) For a school district that has district transportation  
19 costs per pupil in excess of the state average transportation  
20 costs per pupil, but equal to or less than the sum of the  
21 state average transportation costs per pupil plus one hundred  
22 dollars, one hundredth per pupil.

23 (2) For a school district that has district transportation  
24 costs per pupil in excess of the sum of the state average  
25 transportation costs per pupil plus one hundred dollars, but  
26 less than the sum of the state average transportation costs per  
27 pupil plus two hundred dollars, two hundredths per pupil.

28 (3) For a school district that has district transportation  
29 costs per pupil equal to or in excess of the sum of the state  
30 average transportation costs per pupil plus two hundred  
31 dollars, three hundredths per pupil.

32 d. Eligibility for supplementary weighting under this  
33 subsection shall not affect a school district's eligibility for  
34 transportation assistance under section 257.31, subsection 17.

35 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of

1 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

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EXPLANATION

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

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This bill establishes a supplementary weighting plan for  
6 those school districts with district transportation costs per  
7 pupil in excess of the state average transportation costs per  
8 pupil.

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For each budget year beginning on or after July 1, 2015,  
10 the supplementary weighting amounts per pupil assigned under  
11 the bill are as follows: (1) For a school district that has  
12 district transportation costs per pupil in excess of the state  
13 average transportation costs per pupil, but equal to or less  
14 than the sum of the state average transportation costs per  
15 pupil plus \$100, 0.01 per pupil; (2) For a school district  
16 that has district transportation costs per pupil in excess  
17 of the sum of the state average transportation costs per  
18 pupil plus \$100, but less than the sum of the state average  
19 transportation costs per pupil plus \$200, 0.02 per pupil; (3)  
20 For a school district that has a district transportation costs  
21 per pupil equal to or in excess of the sum of the state average  
22 transportation costs per pupil plus \$200, 0.03 per pupil.

23 The bill provides that eligibility for supplementary  
24 weighting under the bill does not affect a school district's  
25 eligibility for transportation assistance from the school  
26 budget review committee under Code section 257.31(17).

27 The bill takes effect upon enactment.