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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a STEM categorical funding supplement and
2 including applicability provisions.

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

1 Section 1. Section 257.1, subsection 2, paragraph b, Code
2 2015, is amended to read as follows:

3 b. For the budget year commencing July 1, 1999, and for each
4 succeeding budget year the regular program foundation base per
5 pupil is eighty-seven and five-tenths percent of the regular
6 program state cost per pupil. For the budget year commencing
7 July 1, 1991, and for each succeeding budget year the special
8 education support services foundation base is seventy-nine
9 percent of the special education support services state cost
10 per pupil. The combined foundation base is the sum of the
11 regular program foundation base, the special education support
12 services foundation base, the total teacher salary supplement
13 district cost, the total professional development supplement
14 district cost, the total early intervention supplement district
15 cost, the total teacher leadership supplement district cost,
16 the total STEM supplement district cost, the total area
17 education agency teacher salary supplement district cost,
18 and the total area education agency professional development
19 supplement district cost.

20 Sec. 2. Section 257.1, subsection 3, Code 2015, is amended
21 to read as follows:

22 3. *Computations rounded.* In making computations and
23 payments under this chapter, except in the case of computations
24 relating to funding of special education support services,
25 media services, and educational services provided through the
26 area education agencies, and the teacher salary supplement, the
27 professional development supplement, the early intervention
28 supplement, ~~and~~ the teacher leadership supplement, and the STEM
29 supplement, the department of management shall round amounts to
30 the nearest whole dollar.

31 Sec. 3. Section 257.4, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code 2015,
32 is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

33 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (10) The total STEM supplement district
34 cost.

35 Sec. 4. Section 257.8, subsection 2, Code 2015, is amended

1 to read as follows:

2 2. *Categorical state percent of growth.* The categorical
3 state percent of growth for the budget year beginning July
4 1, 2012, is two percent. The categorical state percent of
5 growth for the budget year beginning July 1, 2013, is two
6 percent. The categorical state percent of growth for the
7 budget year beginning July 1, 2014, is four percent. The
8 categorical state percent of growth for each budget year shall
9 be established by statute which shall be enacted within thirty
10 days of the submission in the year preceding the base year of
11 the governor's budget under section 8.21. The establishment
12 of the categorical state percent of growth for a budget year
13 shall be the only subject matter of the bill which enacts the
14 categorical state percent of growth for a budget year. The
15 categorical state percent of growth may include state percents
16 of growth for the teacher salary supplement, the professional
17 development supplement, the early intervention supplement, and
18 the teacher leadership supplement, and the STEM supplement.

19 Sec. 5. Section 257.9, Code 2015, is amended by adding the
20 following new subsection:

21 NEW SUBSECTION. 12. *STEM supplement state cost per*
22 *pupil.* The STEM supplement state cost per pupil amount for
23 the budget year beginning July 1, 2016, shall be twenty-five
24 dollars. The STEM supplement state cost per pupil for the
25 budget year beginning July 1, 2017, and succeeding budget
26 years, shall be the STEM supplement state cost per pupil for
27 the base year plus a supplemental state aid amount that is
28 equal to the STEM supplement categorical state percent of
29 growth, pursuant to section 257.8, subsection 2, for the budget
30 year, multiplied by the STEM supplement state cost per pupil
31 for the base year.

32 Sec. 6. Section 257.10, subsection 8, paragraph a, Code
33 2015, is amended to read as follows:

34 a. Combined district cost is the sum of the regular
35 program district cost per pupil multiplied by the weighted

1 enrollment, the special education support services district
2 cost, the total teacher salary supplement district cost, the
3 total professional development supplement district cost, the
4 total early intervention supplement district cost, ~~and~~ the
5 total teacher leadership supplement district cost, and the
6 STEM supplement district cost, plus the sum of the additional
7 district cost allocated to the district to fund media services
8 and educational services provided through the area education
9 agency, the area education agency total teacher salary
10 supplement district cost and the area education agency total
11 professional development supplement district cost.

12 Sec. 7. Section 257.10, Code 2015, is amended by adding the
13 following new subsection:

14 NEW SUBSECTION. 13. *STEM supplement cost per pupil and*
15 *district cost.*

16 *a.* The STEM supplement district cost per pupil amount for
17 the budget year beginning July 1, 2016, shall be twenty-five
18 dollars. For the budget year beginning July 1, 2017, and
19 succeeding budget years, the STEM supplement district cost per
20 pupil for each school district for a budget year is the STEM
21 supplement program district cost per pupil for the base year
22 plus the STEM supplement supplemental state aid amount for the
23 budget year.

24 *b.* The STEM supplement district cost is the STEM supplement
25 district cost per pupil for each school district for a budget
26 year multiplied by that portion of the school district's budget
27 enrollment that is grades nine through twelve.

28 *c.* Funds calculated under this subsection shall be used
29 by the school district to provide rigorous and innovative
30 classes and instruction in the fields of science, technology,
31 engineering, and mathematics for grades nine through twelve.

32 Sec. 8. Section 257.16, subsection 4, Code 2015, is amended
33 to read as follows:

34 4. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, if
35 the governor orders budget reductions in accordance with

1 section 8.31, the teacher salary supplement district cost,
2 the professional development supplement district cost, the
3 early intervention supplement district cost, ~~and~~ the teacher
4 leadership supplement district cost, and the STEM supplement
5 district cost as calculated under section 257.10, subsections
6 9, 10, 11, ~~and~~ 12, and 13, and the area education agency
7 teacher salary supplement district cost and the area education
8 agency professional development supplement district cost
9 as calculated under section 257.37A, subsections 1 and 2,
10 shall be paid in full as calculated and the reductions in the
11 appropriations provided in accordance with this section shall
12 be reduced from the remaining moneys appropriated pursuant
13 to this section and shall be distributed on a per pupil
14 basis calculated with the weighted enrollment determined in
15 accordance with section 257.6, subsection 5.

16 Sec. 9. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to school budget
17 years beginning on or after July 1, 2016.

18 EXPLANATION

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

21 This bill establishes a STEM (science, technology,
22 engineering, mathematics) categorical funding supplement for
23 school districts. The bill establishes a STEM supplement state
24 cost per pupil amount for the budget year beginning July 1,
25 2016, in the amount of \$25. The STEM supplement state cost
26 per pupil for the budget year beginning July 1, 2017, and
27 succeeding budget years, is the sum of the STEM supplement
28 state cost per pupil for the base year plus a supplemental
29 state aid amount that is equal to the STEM supplement
30 categorical state percent of growth for the budget year,
31 multiplied by the STEM supplement state cost per pupil for the
32 base year.

33 In addition, the bill establishes a STEM supplement district
34 cost per pupil amount for the budget year beginning July 1,
35 2016, in the amount of \$25. For the budget year beginning

1 July 1, 2017, and succeeding budget years, the STEM supplement
2 district cost per pupil for each school district for a budget
3 year is the STEM supplement program district cost per pupil
4 for the base year plus the STEM supplement supplemental state
5 aid amount for the budget year. Under the bill, the STEM
6 supplement district cost is the STEM supplement district cost
7 per pupil for each school district for a budget year multiplied
8 by that portion of the school district's budget enrollment that
9 is grades 9 through 12.

10 The bill requires that funds received by a school district
11 from the STEM supplement be used by the school district to
12 provide rigorous and innovative classes and instruction in the
13 fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics for
14 grades 9 through 12.

15 The bill applies to school budget years beginning on or after
16 July 1, 2016.