

House File 64 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring the department of education to conduct a
2 study relating to certain per pupil expenditures by school
3 districts and making an appropriation.

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

1 Section 1. SCHOOL DISTRICT PER PUPIL EXPENDITURE
2 EXAMINATION — REPORT.

3 1. The department of education shall examine and analyze
4 the per pupil expenditures by school districts in the areas
5 of math, English-language arts, science, reading, social
6 studies, vocational education, foreign language, visual
7 arts, music, library services, student counseling, physical
8 education, extracurricular activities, and consumer sciences.
9 The department's examination and analysis shall include a
10 comparison of per pupil expenditures based upon differences
11 in school district enrollments and a comparison of per pupil
12 expenditures between rural school districts and urban school
13 districts.

14 2. The department may retain a consultant to assist in
15 the examination and analysis required under this section and
16 to assist in preparing the report required under subsection
17 3. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, there is
18 appropriated from the general fund of the state to the
19 department of education an amount necessary, but not more than
20 fifty thousand dollars, for purposes of retaining a consultant
21 for the purposes of this section.

22 3. The department of education shall submit a report with
23 findings and recommendations to the general assembly on or
24 before January 1, 2016.

25 EXPLANATION

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

28 This bill requires the department of education to examine
29 and analyze the per pupil expenditures by school districts in
30 specified curricular and extracurricular areas.

31 The bill requires the department's examination and analysis
32 to include a comparison of per pupil expenditures based upon
33 differences in school district enrollments and a comparison of
34 per pupil expenditures between rural school districts and urban
35 school districts.

1 The bill authorizes the department of education to retain a
2 consultant to assist in the examination and analysis required
3 in the bill and to assist in preparing the report required in
4 the bill. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, the
5 bill appropriates from the general fund of the state to the
6 department of education an amount necessary, but not more than
7 \$50,000, to the department to retain a consultant.

8 The bill requires the department of education to submit
9 a report with findings and recommendations to the general
10 assembly on or before January 1, 2016.