

House File 207 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to permissible uses of supplemental aid for
2 professional development paid to school districts and
3 area education agencies under the state school foundation
4 program.

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

1 Section 1. Section 284.6, subsection 8, Code 2017, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 8. For each year in which a school district receives funds
4 calculated and paid to school districts for professional
5 development pursuant to [section 257.10, subsection 10](#), or
6 [section 257.37A, subsection 2](#), the school district shall
7 create quality professional development opportunities. Not
8 less than thirty-six hours in the school calendar, held
9 outside of the minimum school day, shall be set aside during
10 nonpreparation time or designated professional development
11 time to allow practitioners to collaborate with each other to
12 deliver educational programs and assess student learning, or
13 to engage in peer review pursuant to [section 284.8, subsection](#)
14 [1](#). The funds may be used to implement the professional
15 development provisions of the teacher career paths and
16 leadership roles specified in [section 284.15](#), including
17 but not limited to providing professional development to
18 teachers, including additional salaries for time beyond the
19 normal negotiated agreement; pay for substitute teachers,
20 professional development materials, speakers, and professional
21 development content; textbooks and curriculum materials used
22 for classroom purposes, if purchase of such textbooks and
23 curriculum materials includes professional development; and
24 costs associated with implementing the individual professional
25 development plans. The use of the funds shall be balanced
26 between school district, attendance center, and individual
27 professional development plans, making every reasonable effort
28 to provide equal access to all teachers.

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EXPLANATION

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

32 This bill relates to the list of purposes for which school
33 districts and area education agencies may expend funds that
34 are calculated and paid to school districts and area education
35 agencies as supplemental aid for professional development under

1 the state school foundation program.

2 Currently, the funds received must be used to implement the
3 professional development provisions of the teacher career paths
4 and leadership roles specified in Code section 284.15. To
5 the list of permissible professional development expenditures
6 currently in statute, the bill adds textbooks and curriculum
7 materials used for classroom purposes, if purchase of such
8 textbooks and curriculum materials includes professional
9 development.