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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a student meal debt elimination fund under
2 the control of the school budget review committee and making
3 an appropriation.

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

1 Section 1. Section 257.31, Code 2018, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 19. A student meal debt elimination fund is
4 created in the state treasury under the control of the school
5 budget review committee. The committee may accept gifts,
6 grants, bequests, and other private contributions, as well as
7 state or federal moneys, for deposit in the fund. Moneys in
8 the fund are appropriated to the school budget review committee
9 for purposes of relieving school districts of student meal
10 debt. The committee in its discretion shall distribute the
11 available moneys in the fund to school districts in the amounts
12 determined by the committee. Notwithstanding section 8.33,
13 moneys in the fund at the end of each fiscal year shall not
14 revert to any other fund but shall remain in the student meal
15 debt elimination fund for expenditure for subsequent fiscal
16 years. Notwithstanding section 12C.7, interest or earnings on
17 moneys in the fund shall be credited to the fund.

18 Sec. 2. SCHOOL BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE — STUDENT MEAL DEBT
19 ELIMINATION FUND. There is appropriated from the general fund
20 of the state to the school budget review committee for the
21 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019,
22 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
23 used for the purposes designated:

24 For deposit in the student meal debt elimination fund
25 established under section 257.31, subsection 19, if enacted by
26 this Act:
27 \$ 5,000,000

28 EXPLANATION

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

31 This bill creates a student meal debt elimination fund
32 in the state treasury under the control of the school budget
33 review committee and appropriates \$5 million to the committee
34 for deposit in the fund. The committee may accept private
35 contributions as well as state or federal moneys for deposit

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1 in the fund. The committee in its discretion shall distribute
2 available fund moneys to relieve school districts of student
3 meal debt. Moneys remaining in the fund at the end of each
4 fiscal year carry over for expenditure for subsequent fiscal
5 years.