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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a district cost equity supplement program
2 for certain school districts, making appropriations, and
3 including effective date provisions.

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

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 257.16C District cost equity
2 supplement program — appropriations.

3 1. a. A district cost equity supplement program is
4 established to provide additional funding for school districts
5 in which the regular program district cost per pupil is less
6 than the highest regular program district cost per pupil among
7 all school districts in the state for the same budget year.

8 b. For each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2017,
9 there is appropriated from the general fund of the state to
10 the department of management an amount necessary to pay the
11 district cost equity supplements calculated under subsection 2.

12 c. For purposes of this section, "cost equity differential"
13 means the difference between highest regular program district
14 cost per pupil among all school districts in the state and a
15 school district's regular program district cost per pupil for
16 the same budget year.

17 2. For each school district that meets the requirements
18 of subsection 1, paragraph "a", the district cost equity
19 supplement amount shall be calculated as follows:

20 a. For the budget year beginning July 1, 2017, for each
21 school district with a cost equity differential of one hundred
22 fifty dollars or more, twenty-five dollars multiplied by the
23 school district's weighted enrollment.

24 b. For the budget year beginning July 1, 2018:

25 (1) For each school district with a cost equity differential
26 of one hundred fifty dollars or more, fifty dollars multiplied
27 by the school district's weighted enrollment.

28 (2) For each school district with a cost equity differential
29 of one hundred dollars or more but less than one hundred
30 fifty dollars, twenty-five dollars multiplied by the school
31 district's weighted enrollment.

32 c. For the budget year beginning July 1, 2019:

33 (1) For each school district with a cost equity differential
34 of one hundred fifty dollars or more, seventy-five dollars
35 multiplied by the school district's weighted enrollment.

1 (2) For each school district with a cost equity differential
2 of one hundred dollars or more but less than one hundred fifty
3 dollars, fifty dollars multiplied by the school district's
4 weighted enrollment.

5 (3) For each school district with a cost equity differential
6 of fifty dollars or more but less than one hundred dollars,
7 twenty-five dollars multiplied by the school district's
8 weighted enrollment.

9 *d.* For the budget year beginning July 1, 2020, and each
10 succeeding budget year:

11 (1) For each school district with a cost equity differential
12 of one hundred fifty dollars or more, seventy-five dollars
13 multiplied by the school district's weighted enrollment.

14 (2) For each school district with a cost equity differential
15 of one hundred dollars or more but less than one hundred fifty
16 dollars, fifty dollars multiplied by the school district's
17 weighted enrollment.

18 (3) For each school district with a cost equity differential
19 of fifty dollars or more but less than one hundred dollars,
20 twenty-five dollars multiplied by the school district's
21 weighted enrollment.

22 (4) For each school district with a cost equity differential
23 of less than fifty dollars, fifty percent of the school
24 district's cost equity differential multiplied by the school
25 district's weighted enrollment.

26 3. *a.* District cost equity supplements shall be paid by
27 the department of management at the same time and in the same
28 manner as foundation aid is paid under section 257.16.

29 *b.* Amounts received by a school district from a district
30 cost equity supplement shall be deposited in the general fund
31 of the school district. Revenues received by a school district
32 under this section are miscellaneous income and shall not be
33 included in district cost.

34 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of
35 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

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EXPLANATION

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

This bill establishes a district cost equity supplement program to provide additional funding for school districts in which the regular program district cost per pupil is less than the highest regular program district cost per pupil among all school districts in the state for the same budget year.

The bill appropriates an amount necessary from the general fund of the state for each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2017, to pay the district cost equity supplements authorized in the bill.

For each eligible school district, the district cost equity supplement is phased in over a period of four budget years and calculated using each school district's "cost equity differential", which is the difference between highest regular program district cost per pupil among all school districts in the state and a school district's regular program district cost per pupil for the same budget year.

For the budget year beginning July 1, 2017, for each school district with a cost equity differential of \$150 or more, the supplement amount is equal to \$25 multiplied by the school district's weighted enrollment.

For the budget year beginning July 1, 2018, for each school district with a cost equity differential of \$150 or more, the supplement amount is equal to \$50 multiplied by the school district's weighted enrollment. For each school district with a cost equity differential of \$100 or more but less than \$150, the supplement amount is equal to \$25 multiplied by the school district's weighted enrollment.

For the budget year beginning July 1, 2019, for each school district with a cost equity differential of \$150 or more, the supplement amount is equal to \$75 multiplied by the school district's weighted enrollment. For each school district with a cost equity differential of \$100 or more but less than \$150,

1 the supplement amount is equal to \$50 multiplied by the school
2 district's weighted enrollment. For each school district with
3 a cost equity differential of \$50 or more but less than \$100,
4 the supplement amount is equal to \$25 multiplied by the school
5 district's weighted enrollment.

6 For the budget year beginning July 1, 2020, and each
7 succeeding budget year, for each school district with a cost
8 equity differential of \$150 or more, the supplement amount
9 is equal to \$75 multiplied by the school district's weighted
10 enrollment. For each school district with a cost equity
11 differential of \$100 or more but less than \$150, the supplement
12 amount is equal to \$50 multiplied by the school district's
13 weighted enrollment. For each school district with a cost
14 equity differential of \$50 or more but less than \$100, the
15 supplement amount is equal to \$25 multiplied by the school
16 district's weighted enrollment. For each school district with
17 a cost equity differential of less than \$50, the supplement
18 amount is equal to 50 percent of the school district's cost
19 equity differential multiplied by the school district's
20 weighted enrollment.

21 The bill requires amounts received from a district cost
22 equity supplement to be deposited in the general fund of the
23 school district. The bill specifies that revenues received by
24 a school district under the bill are miscellaneous income and
25 shall not be included in district cost.

26 The bill takes effect upon enactment.