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A BILL FOR

1 An Act authorizing the school budget review committee to grant
2 supplemental aid or establish a modified supplemental amount
3 for a school district with an unusual increase in students
4 eligible for free and reduced price meals and including
5 applicability provisions.

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

1 Section 1. Section 257.31, subsection 5, unnumbered
2 paragraph 1, Code 2017, is amended to read as follows:

3 If a district has unusual circumstances, creating an unusual
4 need for additional funds, including but not limited to the
5 circumstances enumerated in paragraphs "a" through ~~"n"~~ "o",
6 the committee may grant supplemental aid to the district from
7 any funds appropriated to the department of education for the
8 use of the school budget review committee for the purposes of
9 this subsection. The school budget review committee shall
10 review a school district's unexpended fund balance prior to
11 any decision regarding unusual finance circumstances. Such
12 aid shall be miscellaneous income and shall not be included in
13 district cost. In addition to or as an alternative to granting
14 supplemental aid the committee may establish a modified
15 supplemental amount for the district. The school budget review
16 committee shall review a school district's unspent balance
17 prior to any decision to establish a modified supplemental
18 amount under [this subsection](#).

19 Sec. 2. Section 257.31, subsection 5, Code 2017, is amended
20 by adding the following new paragraph:

21 NEW PARAGRAPH. o. Any unusual increase in the number of
22 pupils in the district who are eligible for free and reduced
23 price meals under the federal National School Lunch Act and the
24 federal Child Nutrition Act of 1966, 42 U.S.C. §1751-1785.

25 Sec. 3. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to school budget
26 years beginning on or after July 1, 2018.

27 EXPLANATION

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

30 Code section 257.31 specifies the types of unusual
31 circumstances under which the school budget review committee
32 may grant supplemental aid to a school district from available
33 funding or establish a modified supplemental amount for a
34 school district.

35 This bill adds any unusual increase in the number of pupils

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1 in the district who are eligible for free and reduced price
2 meals to the list of authorized circumstances.

3 The bill applies to school budget years beginning on or after
4 July 1, 2018.