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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to school district funding and programs and
2 including applicability provisions.

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

1 Section 1. Section 257.10, subsection 12, paragraph d, Code
2 2018, is amended to read as follows:

3 d. (1) For the budget year beginning July 1, 2014, and
4 succeeding budget years, the use of the funds calculated under
5 this subsection shall comply with the requirements of chapter
6 284 and shall be distributed to teachers pursuant to section
7 284.15. The funds shall be used ~~only~~ to increase the payment
8 for a teacher assigned to a leadership role pursuant to a
9 framework or comparable system approved pursuant to section
10 284.15; to increase the percentages of teachers assigned to
11 leadership roles; to increase the minimum teacher starting
12 salary to thirty-three thousand five hundred dollars; to
13 cover the costs for the time mentor and lead teachers are not
14 providing instruction to students in a classroom; for coverage
15 of a classroom when an initial or career teacher is observing
16 or co-teaching with a teacher assigned to a leadership role;
17 for professional development time to learn best practices
18 associated with the career pathways leadership process; and for
19 other costs associated with a framework or comparable system
20 approved by the department of education under [section 284.15](#)
21 with the goals of improving instruction and elevating the
22 quality of teaching and student learning.

23 (2) In addition to the uses specified in subparagraph (1),
24 for the budget year beginning July 1, 2019, and succeeding
25 budget years, the funds calculated under this subsection may
26 also be used for any of the following:

27 (a) Salary and benefits for administrators and clerical and
28 office staff of the district who have duties related to the
29 framework and comparable systems set forth pursuant to sections
30 284.15, 284.16, and 284.17. If the administrators or staff
31 members are shared with other programs or functions within the
32 district, funds calculated under this subsection shall only
33 be expended for the portion of time spent carrying out duties
34 related to the framework and comparable systems set forth
35 pursuant to sections 284.15, 284.16, and 284.17.

1 (b) Professional development expenses of administrators
2 related to the framework and comparable systems set forth
3 pursuant to sections 284.15, 284.16, and 284.17.

4 Sec. 2. Section 257.41, subsection 3, Code 2018, is amended
5 to read as follows:

6 3. *Limitation.*

7 a. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, and each
8 succeeding fiscal year beginning before July 1, 2019, the ratio
9 of the amount of the modified supplemental amount established
10 by the department of management compared to the school
11 district's total regular program district cost shall not exceed
12 two and one-half percent. However, if the school district's
13 highest such ratio so determined for any fiscal year beginning
14 on or after July 1, 2009, but before July 1, 2013, exceeded two
15 and one-half percent, the ratio may exceed two and one-half
16 percent but shall not exceed the highest such ratio established
17 during that period.

18 b. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and each
19 succeeding fiscal year, the ratio of the amount of the modified
20 supplemental amount established by the department of management
21 compared to the school district's total regular program
22 district cost shall not exceed five percent.

23 Sec. 3. Section 298.3, subsection 1, paragraph i, Code 2018,
24 is amended to read as follows:

25 i. The purchase of transportation equipment for
26 transporting students, and the repair of such transportation
27 equipment, if the cost of the repair exceeds two thousand five
28 hundred dollars and the operational costs of transporting
29 students. For the purposes of this paragraph, "repair" means
30 restoring an existing item of equipment to its original
31 condition, as near as may be, after gradual obsolescence or
32 physical and functional depreciation due to wear and tear,
33 corrosion and decay, or partial destruction, and includes
34 maintenance of an item of equipment.

35 Sec. 4. Section 423F.3, subsection 6, Code 2018, is amended

1 by adding the following new paragraph:

2 NEW PARAGRAPH. *Od.* Additionally, for school budget years
3 beginning on or after July 1, 2019, "*school infrastructure*"
4 includes the transportation costs of the school district
5 specified in section 298.3, subsection 1, paragraph "i".

6 Sec. 5. APPLICABILITY. The section of this Act amending
7 section 298.3 applies to school budget years beginning on or
8 after July 1, 2019.

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EXPLANATION

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

12 This bill modifies several provisions relating to school
13 district funding and programs including the teacher leadership
14 supplement, the physical plant and equipment levies, revenues
15 from the secure an advanced vision for education (SAVE) fund,
16 and the at-risk and dropout prevention program.

17 Current Code section 257.10(12) specifies the purposes for
18 which the teacher leadership supplement moneys may be expended
19 by school districts within the requirements of Code chapter
20 284 including increases in payment for a teacher assigned to
21 a leadership role, increases in the percentages of teachers
22 assigned to leadership roles, increases to the minimum teacher
23 starting salary, payment of the costs for the time mentor and
24 lead teachers are not providing instruction to students in a
25 classroom, payment for coverage of a classroom when an initial
26 or career teacher is observing or co-teaching with a teacher
27 assigned to a leadership role, professional development time
28 to learn best practices associated with the career pathways
29 leadership process, and for other costs associated with a
30 framework or comparable system approved by the department of
31 education. The bill provides that in addition to the uses
32 specified under current law, for the budget year beginning July
33 1, 2019, and succeeding budget years, the funds may be used for
34 a proportionate share of salary and benefits for administrators
35 and clerical and office staff who have duties related to the

1 teacher leadership framework and comparable systems set forth
2 pursuant to Code sections 284.15, 284.16, and 284.17 and for
3 professional development expenses of administrators related to
4 the teacher leadership framework and comparable systems.

5 As part of the budget for a school district's program for
6 at-risk students, secondary students who attend alternative
7 programs and alternative schools, or returning dropouts and
8 dropout prevention, the school board may request to use a
9 modified supplemental amount. However, current law provides
10 that the ratio of the amount of the modified supplemental
11 amount compared to the school district's total regular program
12 district cost shall not exceed 2.5 percent or the school
13 district's highest ratio for any fiscal year beginning on or
14 after July 1, 2009, but before July 1, 2013, whichever is
15 greater. The bill provides that for each budget year beginning
16 on or after July 1, 2019, the ratio shall not exceed 5 percent.

17 Code section 298.3 specifies the purposes for which the
18 revenue from the regular and voter-approved physical plant
19 and equipment levies may be expended. Current law authorizes
20 such revenues to be used for the purchase of transportation
21 equipment for transporting students and the repair of such
22 transportation equipment if the cost of the repair exceeds
23 \$2,500. The bill strikes the repair cost requirement
24 and authorizes such revenues to also be expended for the
25 operational costs of transporting students.

26 As part of the restrictions on the use of revenues received
27 from the SAVE fund, Code section 423F.3 defines "school
28 infrastructure". The bill authorizes additional purposes for
29 which a school district may use funds received from the SAVE
30 fund by modifying the definition of "school infrastructure".
31 For school budget years beginning on or after July 1, 2019, the
32 bill includes the transportation costs of the school district
33 specified in Code section 298.3(1)(i), as amended in the bill,
34 within the definition of school infrastructure.

35 The section of the bill amending Code section 298.3 applies

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1 to school budget years beginning on or after July 1, 2019.