

**Senate Study Bill 1124 - Introduced**

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE  
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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to school district finance by modifying  
2 provisions relating to the calculation of the regular  
3 program state cost per pupil and the regular program  
4 district cost per pupil, and by establishing a supplementary  
5 weighting plan for certain mandatory school district  
6 transportation costs and including effective date  
7 provisions.

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

DIVISION I

STATE AND DISTRICT COSTS PER PUPIL

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3 Section 1. Section 257.8, subsection 5, Code 2017, is  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 5. *Alternate supplemental state aid — definitions.*

6 a. For budget years beginning July 1, 2000, and subsequent  
7 budget years, references to the terms "*supplemental state aid*",  
8 "*regular program state cost per pupil*", and "*regular program*  
9 *district cost per pupil*" shall mean those terms as calculated  
10 for those school districts that calculated regular program  
11 supplemental state aid for the school budget year beginning  
12 July 1, 1999, with the additional thirty-eight dollars  
13 specified in [section 257.8, subsection 4, Code 2013](#).

14 b. For the budget year beginning July 1, 2017, and  
15 subsequent budget years, references to "*supplemental state*  
16 *aid*" and "*regular program state cost per pupil*" shall mean  
17 those terms as calculated including the additional amounts  
18 for specified budget years under section 257.9, subsection  
19 2, paragraphs "b" and "c", and references to "*regular program*  
20 *district cost per pupil*" shall mean that term as calculated  
21 including any adjustments made under section 257.10, subsection  
22 2.

23 Sec. 2. Section 257.9, subsection 2, Code 2017, is amended  
24 to read as follows:

25 2. *Regular program state cost per pupil for 1992-1993 and*  
26 *succeeding years.*

27 a. For the budget year beginning July 1, 1992, and  
28 succeeding budget years beginning before July 1, 2017, the  
29 regular program state cost per pupil for a budget year is the  
30 regular program state cost per pupil for the base year plus the  
31 regular program supplemental state aid for the budget year.

32 b. For the budget year beginning July 1, 2017, the regular  
33 program state cost per pupil is the regular program state  
34 cost per pupil for the base year plus the regular program  
35 supplemental state aid for the budget year, plus five dollars.

1 c. For the budget year beginning July 1, 2018, the regular  
2 program state cost per pupil is the regular program state  
3 cost per pupil for the base year plus the regular program  
4 supplemental state aid for the budget year, plus ten dollars.

5 d. For the budget year beginning July 1, 2019, and  
6 succeeding budget years beginning before July 1, 2027, the  
7 regular program state cost per pupil for a budget year is the  
8 regular program state cost per pupil for the base year plus the  
9 regular program supplemental state aid for the budget year,  
10 plus twenty dollars.

11 e. For the budget year beginning July 1, 2027, and  
12 succeeding budget years, the regular program state cost per  
13 pupil for a budget year is the regular program state cost per  
14 pupil for the base year plus the regular program supplemental  
15 state aid for the budget year.

16 Sec. 3. Section 257.10, subsection 2, paragraph b, Code  
17 2017, is amended to read as follows:

18 *b.* If the regular program district cost per pupil of a  
19 school district for the budget year under paragraph "a" exceeds  
20 one hundred five percent of the regular program state cost  
21 per pupil for the budget year and the state percent of growth  
22 for the budget year is greater than two percent, the regular  
23 program district cost per pupil for the budget year for that  
24 district shall be reduced to one hundred five percent of the  
25 regular program state cost per pupil for the budget year.

26 However, under such conditions, if the difference between the  
27 regular program district cost per pupil for the budget year and  
28 the regular program state cost per pupil for the budget year  
29 is greater than an amount equal to two percent multiplied by  
30 the regular program state cost per pupil for the base year, the  
31 regular program district cost per pupil for the budget year  
32 shall be reduced by the amount equal to two percent multiplied  
33 by the regular program state cost per pupil for the base year.

34 Sec. 4. Section 257.10, subsection 2, Code 2017, is amended  
35 by adding the following new paragraph:



1 percent of the combined weighting amount calculated under  
2 paragraph "c", subparagraph (2), for that budget year.

3 (5) For the budget year beginning July 1, 2021, fifty  
4 percent of the combined weighting amount calculated under  
5 paragraph "c", subparagraph (2), for that budget year.

6 (6) For the budget year beginning July 1, 2022, sixty  
7 percent of the combined weighting amount calculated under  
8 paragraph "c", subparagraph (2), for that budget year.

9 (7) For the budget year beginning July 1, 2023, seventy  
10 percent of the combined weighting amount calculated under  
11 paragraph "c", subparagraph (2), for that budget year.

12 (8) For the budget year beginning July 1, 2024, eighty  
13 percent of the combined weighting amount calculated under  
14 paragraph "c", subparagraph (2), for that budget year.

15 (9) For the budget year beginning July 1, 2025, ninety  
16 percent of the combined weighting amount calculated under  
17 paragraph "c", subparagraph (2), for that budget year.

18 (10) For the budget year beginning July 1, 2026, and each  
19 succeeding budget year, one hundred percent of the combined  
20 weighting amount calculated under paragraph "c", subparagraph  
21 (2), for that budget year.

22 c. (1) (a) *Transportation cost factor.* For each budget  
23 year beginning on or after July 1, 2017, the department of  
24 management shall calculate for each school district all of the  
25 following:

26 (i) The sum of the school district's total transportation  
27 costs incurred for the transportation of pupils required under  
28 chapter 285, and paid from sources other than the district's  
29 physical plant and equipment levy fund under section 298A.4  
30 or revenue received from the secure an advanced vision for  
31 education fund under section 423F.2, for the three years  
32 immediately preceding the base year.

33 (ii) The sum of the school district's regular program  
34 district cost for the three years immediately preceding the  
35 base year, excluding amounts attributable to budget adjustments

1 received under section 257.14.

2 (iii) The school district's budget enrollment multiplied by  
3 the quotient of the school district's amount under subparagraph  
4 subdivision (i) divided by the school district's amount under  
5 subparagraph subdivision (ii).

6 (iv) The school district's amount under subparagraph  
7 subdivision (iii) divided by the sum of the amounts calculated  
8 under subparagraph subdivision (iii) for all school districts.

9 (v) The amount calculated under subparagraph subdivision  
10 (iv) multiplied by ninety percent of the sum of all school  
11 districts' transportation costs incurred for the transportation  
12 of pupils required under chapter 285 for the year preceding  
13 the base year and paid from sources other than the district's  
14 physical plant and equipment levy fund under section 298A.4  
15 or revenue received from the secure an advanced vision for  
16 education fund under section 423F.2.

17 (vi) The quotient of the amount calculated under  
18 subparagraph subdivision (v) divided by the regular program  
19 state cost per pupil for the base year.

20 (b) *Budget enrollment factor.* For each budget year  
21 beginning on or after July 1, 2017, the department of  
22 management shall calculate for each school district all of the  
23 following:

24 (i) The quotient of the school district's budget enrollment  
25 divided by the statewide total budget enrollment multiplied by  
26 five percent of the sum of all school districts' transportation  
27 costs incurred for the transportation of pupils required under  
28 chapter 285 for the year preceding the base year and paid from  
29 sources other than the district's physical plant and equipment  
30 levy fund under section 298A.4 or revenue received from the  
31 secure an advanced vision for education fund under section  
32 423F.2.

33 (ii) The amount calculated under subparagraph subdivision  
34 (i) divided by the regular program state cost per pupil for the  
35 base year.

1 (c) *Route miles factor.* For each budget year beginning  
2 on or after July 1, 2017, the department of management shall  
3 calculate for each school district all of the following:

4 (i) The quotient of the school district's total route  
5 miles traveled for the transportation of pupils required under  
6 chapter 285 for the year preceding the base year divided by the  
7 school district's budget enrollment.

8 (ii) The school district's amount under subparagraph  
9 subdivision (i) divided by the sum of the amounts calculated  
10 under subparagraph subdivision (i) for all school districts.

11 (iii) The amount calculated under subparagraph subdivision  
12 (ii) multiplied by five percent of the sum of all school  
13 districts' transportation costs incurred for the transportation  
14 of pupils required under chapter 285 for the year preceding  
15 the base year and paid from sources other than the district's  
16 physical plant and equipment levy fund under section 298A.4  
17 or revenue received from the secure an advanced vision for  
18 education fund under section 423F.2.

19 (iv) The amount calculated under subparagraph subdivision  
20 (iii) divided by the regular program state cost per pupil for  
21 the base year.

22 (2) The combined weighting amount for each school district  
23 is the sum of the following:

24 (a) The amount calculated under subparagraph (1),  
25 subparagraph division (a), subparagraph subdivision (vi).

26 (b) The amount calculated under subparagraph (1),  
27 subparagraph division (b), subparagraph subdivision (ii).

28 (c) The amount calculated under subparagraph (1),  
29 subparagraph division (c), subparagraph subdivision (iv).

30 *d.* Funding received by a school district as the result of  
31 supplementary weighting under this subsection shall not affect  
32 a school district's eligibility for transportation assistance  
33 under section 257.31, subsection 17.

34 *e.* Funding received by a school district as the result  
35 of supplementary weighting under this subsection shall be

1 used only for transportation costs incurred in providing  
2 transportation to pupils required by chapter 285.

3 Sec. 7. Section 257.11, subsection 8, Code 2017, is amended  
4 to read as follows:

5 8. *Pupils ineligible.* A Except for transportation weighting  
6 under subsection 7A, a pupil eligible for the weighting plan  
7 provided in [section 256B.9](#) is not eligible for supplementary  
8 weighting pursuant to [this section](#) unless it is determined  
9 that the course generating the supplemental weighting has no  
10 relationship to the pupil's disability. A pupil attending an  
11 alternative program or an at-risk pupils' program, including  
12 alternative high school programs, is not eligible for  
13 supplementary weighting under [subsection 2](#).

14 Sec. 8. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This division of this  
15 Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon  
16 enactment.

17 EXPLANATION

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

20 This bill relates to school district finance by modifying  
21 provisions relating to the calculation of the regular program  
22 state cost per pupil and the regular program district cost  
23 per pupil and establishing a supplementary weighting plan for  
24 certain mandatory school district transportation costs.

25 Division I of the bill relates to the determination of the  
26 regular program state cost per pupil and the determination of  
27 regular program district cost per pupil for school districts.  
28 Those amounts are used to determine supplemental state aid  
29 amounts for each school budget year, determining the budget  
30 authority for each school district, and determining amounts  
31 of preschool foundation aid for schools participating in the  
32 statewide preschool program for four-year-old children under  
33 Code chapter 256C.

34 Current Code section 257.9 provides that for the budget  
35 year beginning July 1, 1992, and succeeding budget years, the



1 regular program state cost per pupil for a budget year is the  
2 regular program state cost per pupil for the base year plus the  
3 regular program supplemental state aid for the budget year.

4 Under the bill, for the budget year beginning July 1, 2017,  
5 the regular program state cost per pupil is the regular program  
6 state cost per pupil for the base year plus the regular program  
7 supplemental state aid for the budget year, plus \$5. For  
8 the budget year beginning July 1, 2018, the regular program  
9 state cost per pupil is the regular program state cost per  
10 pupil for the base year plus the regular program supplemental  
11 state aid for the budget year, plus \$10. For the budget year  
12 beginning July 1, 2019, and succeeding budget years beginning  
13 before July 1, 2027, the regular program state cost per pupil  
14 is the regular program state cost per pupil for the base  
15 year plus the regular program supplemental state aid for the  
16 budget year, plus \$20. Then with the budget year beginning  
17 July 1, 2027, and succeeding budget years, the regular program  
18 state cost per pupil will again be calculated as the regular  
19 program state cost per pupil for the base year plus the regular  
20 program supplemental state aid for the budget year without any  
21 additional amount added.

22 The bill amends Code section 257.10 to provide that if  
23 the regular program district cost per pupil for the budget  
24 year calculated in any school district is less than the  
25 regular program state cost per pupil for the budget year, the  
26 department of management shall increase the regular program  
27 district cost per pupil of that district to an amount equal to  
28 the regular program state cost per pupil for the budget year.

29 Division I of the bill takes effect upon enactment.

30 Division II of the bill establishes a supplementary  
31 weighting plan for school district transportation costs  
32 resulting from the transportation of pupils as required under  
33 Code chapter 285.

34 The bill establishes a methodology for calculating the  
35 amount of supplementary weighting assigned to each school

1 district. The calculation is made using school district  
2 transportation cost data, school district enrollment data, and  
3 school district transportation route mile data. The amount of  
4 the supplementary weighting is phased in over a period of 10  
5 school budget years beginning with the budget year beginning  
6 July 1, 2017.

7 The bill specifies that funding received by a school  
8 district as the result of supplementary weighting in the  
9 bill does not affect a school district's eligibility for  
10 transportation assistance granted by the school budget review  
11 committee and requires that funding received by a school  
12 district as the result of the supplementary weighting be  
13 used only for transportation costs incurred in providing  
14 transportation to those pupils specified in the bill.

15 Division II of the bill takes effect upon enactment.