

House File 2147 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the school budget review committee by
2 authorizing school districts and area education agencies
3 to request revisions to reports and data certified to the
4 department of education or other state agencies.

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

1 Section 1. Section 257.31, Code 2020, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 19. *a.* A school district may apply to the
4 committee for approval to revise the school district's reports,
5 data, or other information the school district certified
6 or reported to the department of education or other state
7 agency for any of the three immediately preceding completed
8 school budget years, including but not limited to the school
9 district's certified annual report, school performance data,
10 the basic education data survey, and enrollment counts or
11 supplementary weighting data.

12 *b.* Each application for revision must state the specific
13 item to be revised as the item appears in the report, data, or
14 information, including the school budget year of such report,
15 data, or information, the proposed revision to the item, and
16 the reason for the proposed revision.

17 *c.* If the committee approves the request for revision, the
18 committee shall direct the school district or the department
19 of education, or both, to make all necessary changes to the
20 report, data, or information. The committee shall give written
21 notice of each decision, including all approved changes and the
22 reasons for each decision, to the school district's board of
23 directors and to the department of education.

24 *d.* An area education agency may apply to the committee for
25 approval to revise the area education agency's reports, data,
26 and information in the same manner as is provided for school
27 districts.

28 *e.* The committee shall annually submit a report to the
29 department of education on or before January 1 containing a
30 summary of all requested revisions under this section and the
31 resulting decisions of the committee.

32 EXPLANATION

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

35 This bill authorizes a school district to apply to the school

1 budget review committee for approval to revise the school
2 district's reports, data, or other information certified or
3 reported by the school district to the department of education
4 or other state agency for any of the three immediately
5 preceding completed school budget years. Revisions to reports,
6 data, or information under the bill shall not result in any
7 modification to funding calculations or amounts for a prior
8 school budget year. The bill establishes the requirements
9 for each application for revision and each decision of the
10 committee. The bill authorizes an area education agency
11 to apply to the committee for approval to revise the area
12 education agency's reports, data, and information in the same
13 manner as is provided for school districts.

14 The school budget review committee is required to annually
15 submit a report to the department of education on or before
16 January 1 containing a summary of all requested revisions and
17 the resulting decisions of the committee.