

House File 2245 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 594)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to public school funding by modifying
2 provisions relating to the regular program state cost per
3 pupil and to appropriations to the transportation equity
4 fund and including effective date provisions.

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

1 Section 1. Section 257.9, subsection 2, Code 2020, is
2 amended to read as follows:

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

5 a. For the budget year beginning July 1, 1992, and
6 succeeding budget years beginning before July 1, 2018, 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 b. For the budget year beginning July 1, 2018, the regular
11 program state cost per pupil is the regular program state
12 cost per pupil for the base year plus the regular program
13 supplemental state aid for the budget year, plus five dollars.

14 c. For the budget year beginning July 1, 2019, the regular
15 program state cost per pupil is the regular program state
16 cost per pupil for the base year plus the regular program
17 supplemental state aid for the budget year, plus five dollars.

18 d. For the budget year beginning July 1, 2020, the regular
19 program state cost per pupil is the regular program state
20 cost per pupil for the base year plus the regular program
21 supplemental state aid for the budget year, plus ten dollars.

22 ~~d.~~ e. For the budget year beginning July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021, and
23 succeeding budget years, the regular program state cost per
24 pupil for a budget year is the regular program state cost per
25 pupil for the base year plus the regular program supplemental
26 state aid for the budget year.

27 Sec. 2. Section 257.16C, subsection 3, paragraph d, Code
28 2020, is amended to read as follows:

29 d. (1) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, there
30 is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the
31 department of management for deposit in the transportation
32 equity fund the sum of nineteen million dollars, or so much
33 thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes of this
34 section.

35 (2) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, there

1 is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the
2 department of management for deposit in the transportation
3 equity fund the sum of twenty-six million two hundred fifty
4 thousand dollars, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
5 used for the purposes of this section.

6 ~~(2)~~ (3) For each fiscal year beginning on or after July
7 1, ~~2020~~ 2021, there is appropriated from the general fund of
8 the state to the department of management for deposit in the
9 transportation equity fund the sum of the following, or so much
10 thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes of this
11 section:

12 (a) The amount appropriated to the transportation equity
13 fund under this paragraph for the immediately preceding fiscal
14 year.

15 (b) The product of the amount determined under subparagraph
16 division (a) multiplied by the categorical percent of growth
17 under [section 257.8, subsection 2](#), for the budget year
18 beginning on the same date of the fiscal year for which the
19 appropriation is made.

20 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate
21 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

22 EXPLANATION

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

25 This bill relates to public school funding by modifying
26 provisions relating to the regular program state cost per pupil
27 and to appropriations to the transportation equity fund.

28 Current Code section 257.9 provides that for the budget
29 year beginning July 1, 2020, and succeeding budget years, the
30 regular program state cost per pupil for a budget year is the
31 regular program state cost per pupil for the base year, which
32 includes the \$5 addition made for the budget year beginning
33 July 1, 2019, plus the regular program supplemental state aid
34 for the budget year.

35 Under the bill, for the budget year beginning July 1, 2020,

1 the regular program state cost per pupil is the regular program
2 state cost per pupil for the base year plus the regular program
3 supplemental state aid for the budget year, plus \$10. Then
4 with the budget year beginning July 1, 2021, and succeeding
5 budget years, the regular program state cost per pupil will
6 again be calculated as the regular program state cost per pupil
7 for the base year plus the regular program supplemental state
8 aid for the budget year.

9 Code section 257.16C establishes a transportation equity
10 program to provide additional funding for school districts with
11 a transportation cost per pupil that exceeds the statewide
12 adjusted transportation cost per pupil, as determined by the
13 department of management. The amount of transportation equity
14 aid for each school district is an amount equal to the school
15 district's actual enrollment for the school year, excluding the
16 shared-time enrollment for the school year, multiplied by the
17 school district's transportation cost per pupil differential
18 for the budget year. Code section 257.16C establishes a
19 transportation equity fund and appropriates all moneys in the
20 fund to the department of management for purposes of making
21 the transportation equity aid payments. However, if the
22 balance of the fund exceeds the amount necessary to make all
23 transportation equity aid payments, moneys remaining in the
24 fund are required to be used for transportation base funding
25 payments as calculated under Code section 257.16C(4).

26 For each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2020,
27 Code section 257.16C appropriates from the general fund of the
28 state to the transportation equity fund the sum of the amount
29 appropriated for the immediately preceding fiscal year plus
30 the product of the amount appropriated for the immediately
31 preceding fiscal year multiplied by the categorical percent
32 of growth for the corresponding school budget year. The
33 bill amends Code section 257.16C so that this appropriation
34 calculation begins with the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021,
35 and appropriates \$26,250,000 to the transportation equity fund

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1 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020.

2 The bill takes effect upon enactment.