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BY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 111)

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, making appropriations to the transportation equity
4 fund, establishing transportation data review and reporting
5 requirements, and including effective date provisions.
6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 257.8, subsection 2, Code 2019, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. *Categorical state percent of growth.* The categorical
4 state percent of growth for the budget year beginning July
5 1, 2016, is two and twenty-five hundredths percent. The
6 categorical state percent of growth for the budget year
7 beginning July 1, 2017, is one and eleven hundredths percent.
8 The categorical state percent of growth for the budget year
9 beginning July 1, 2018, is one percent. The categorical state
10 percent of growth for each budget year shall be established
11 by statute which shall be enacted within thirty days of the
12 transmission of the governor's budget required by February
13 1 under [section 8.21](#) during the regular legislative session
14 beginning in the base year. The categorical state percent of
15 growth may include state percents of growth for the teacher
16 salary supplement, the professional development supplement,
17 the early intervention supplement, ~~and~~ the teacher leadership
18 supplement, and for budget years beginning on or after July 1,
19 2020, transportation equity aid payments under section 257.16C.

20 Sec. 2. Section 257.8, subsection 5, paragraph b, Code 2019,
21 is amended to read as follows:

22 b. For the budget year beginning July 1, 2018, and
23 subsequent budget years, references to "*supplemental state aid*"
24 and "*regular program state cost per pupil*" shall mean those
25 terms as calculated including the additional ~~amount~~ amounts for
26 the specified budget year beginning July 1, 2018, years under
27 section 257.9, subsection 2, ~~paragraph "b",~~ and references to
28 "*regular program district cost per pupil*" shall mean that term as
29 calculated including any adjustments made under section 257.10,
30 subsection 2.

31 Sec. 3. Section 257.9, subsection 2, Code 2019, is amended
32 to read as follows:

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

35 a. For the budget year beginning July 1, 1992, and

1 succeeding budget years beginning before July 1, 2018, the
2 regular program state cost per pupil for a budget year is the
3 regular program state cost per pupil for the base year plus the
4 regular program supplemental state aid for the budget year.

5 *b.* For the budget year beginning July 1, 2018, the regular
6 program state cost per pupil is the regular program state
7 cost per pupil for the base year plus the regular program
8 supplemental state aid for the budget year, plus five dollars.

9 *c.* For the budget year beginning July 1, 2019, the regular
10 program state cost per pupil is the regular program state
11 cost per pupil for the base year plus the regular program
12 supplemental state aid for the budget year, plus five dollars.

13 *e. d.* For the budget year beginning July 1, ~~2019~~ 2020, and
14 succeeding budget years, the regular program state cost per
15 pupil for a budget year is the regular program state cost per
16 pupil for the base year plus the regular program supplemental
17 state aid for the budget year.

18 Sec. 4. Section 257.16C, subsection 3, Code 2019, is amended
19 by adding the following new paragraph:

20 NEW PARAGRAPH. *d.* (1) For the fiscal year beginning
21 July 1, 2019, there is appropriated from the general fund of
22 the state to the department of management for deposit in the
23 transportation equity fund the sum of nineteen million dollars,
24 or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
25 of this section.

26 (2) For each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2020,
27 there is appropriated from the general fund of the state to
28 the department of management for deposit in the transportation
29 equity fund the sum of the following, or so much thereof as is
30 necessary, to be used for the purposes of this section:

31 (a) The amount appropriated to the transportation equity
32 fund under this paragraph for the immediately preceding fiscal
33 year.

34 (b) The product of the amount determined under subparagraph
35 division (a) multiplied by the categorical percent of growth

1 under section 257.8, subsection 2, for the budget year
2 beginning on the same date of the fiscal year for which the
3 appropriation is made.

4 Sec. 5. Section 257.16C, Code 2019, is amended by adding the
5 following new subsection:

6 NEW SUBSECTION. 7. On or before December 1, 2020, and on
7 or before December 1 every five years thereafter, the director
8 of the department of education shall compile and review the
9 data collected as a result of the transportation equity aid
10 and transportation base funding payments provided under this
11 section and shall prepare a report to the general assembly
12 containing analysis of the aid and the payments' efficacy and
13 recommendations for changes.

14 Sec. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate
15 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

16 EXPLANATION

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

19 This bill relates to public school funding by modifying
20 provisions relating to the regular program state cost per pupil
21 and by making appropriations to the transportation equity fund.

22 Current Code section 257.9 provides that for the budget
23 year beginning July 1, 2019, and succeeding budget years, the
24 regular program state cost per pupil for a budget year is the
25 regular program state cost per pupil for the base year, which
26 includes the \$5 addition made for the budget year beginning
27 July 1, 2018, plus the regular program supplemental state aid
28 for the budget year.

29 Under the bill, for the budget year beginning July 1, 2019,
30 the regular program state cost per pupil is the regular program
31 state cost per pupil for the base year plus the regular program
32 supplemental state aid for the budget year, plus \$5. Then with
33 the budget year beginning July 1, 2020, and succeeding budget
34 years, the regular program state cost per pupil will again be
35 calculated as the regular program state cost per pupil for the

1 base year plus the regular program supplemental state aid for
2 the budget year.

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

25 For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, the bill
26 appropriates \$19 million from the general fund of the state
27 for deposit in the transportation equity fund. For each
28 fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2020, the bill
29 appropriates from the general fund of the state to the
30 transportation equity fund the sum of the amount appropriated
31 for the immediately preceding fiscal year plus the product of
32 the amount appropriated for the immediately preceding fiscal
33 year multiplied by the categorical percent of growth for the
34 corresponding school budget year.

35 The bill also establishes periodic compilation, review,

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1 and reporting of transportation data by the department of
2 education.

3 The bill takes effect upon enactment.