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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the list of shared operational functions for
2 which school districts and area education agencies may be
3 eligible to receive supplementary weighting and including
4 applicability provisions.

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

1 Section 1. Section 257.11, subsection 5, paragraph a,
2 subparagraph (1), unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2019, is amended
3 to read as follows:

4 In order to provide additional funding to increase
5 student opportunities and redirect more resources to student
6 programming for school districts that share operational
7 functions, a district that shares with a political subdivision
8 one or more operational functions of a curriculum director,
9 special education director, school safety director,
10 master social worker, independent social worker, or school
11 counselor, or one or more operational functions in the areas
12 of superintendent management, business management, human
13 resources, transportation, or operation and maintenance for at
14 least twenty percent of the school year shall be assigned a
15 supplementary weighting for each shared operational function.
16 A school district that shares an operational function in
17 the area of superintendent management shall be assigned a
18 supplementary weighting of eight pupils for the function. A
19 school district that shares an operational function in the area
20 of business management, human resources, transportation, or
21 operation and maintenance shall be assigned a supplementary
22 weighting of five pupils for the function. A school district
23 that shares the operational functions of a curriculum director,
24 special education director, school safety director, a master
25 social worker or an independent social worker licensed under
26 chapters 147 and 154C, or a school counselor shall be assigned
27 a supplementary weighting of three pupils for the function.
28 The additional weighting shall be assigned for each discrete
29 operational function shared. However, a school district
30 may receive the additional weighting under [this subsection](#)
31 for sharing the services of an individual with a political
32 subdivision even if the type of operational function performed
33 by the individual for the school district and the type of
34 operational function performed by the individual for the
35 political subdivision are not the same operational function, so

1 long as both operational functions are eligible for weighting
2 under [this subsection](#). In such case, the school district
3 shall be assigned the additional weighting for the type of
4 operational function that the individual performs for the
5 school district, and the school district shall not receive
6 additional weighting for any other function performed by the
7 individual. The operational function sharing arrangement does
8 not need to be a newly implemented sharing arrangement to
9 receive supplementary weighting under [this subsection](#).

10 Sec. 2. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to school budget
11 years beginning on or after July 1, 2019, subject to the school
12 budget year limitations of section 257.11, subsection 5.

13 EXPLANATION

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

16 This bill relates to the provision of supplementary
17 weighting to school districts that share with a political
18 subdivision one or more specified operational functions.

19 The bill adds special education director and school safety
20 director to the list of operational functions for which
21 supplementary weighting is provided to school districts. The
22 department of management annually sets a weighting for each
23 area education agency under current law.

24 Supplementary weighting for shared operational functions
25 is available through the budget year beginning July 1, 2024.
26 The maximum amount of additional weighting for which a school
27 district is eligible in a budget year is 21 additional pupils;
28 the maximum amount of additional funding for which an AEA is
29 eligible is \$200,000.

30 The bill applies to school budget years beginning on or after
31 July 1, 2019.