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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the circumstances for which supplemental aid
2 or a modified supplemental amount may be approved by the
3 school budget review committee and including applicability
4 provisions.

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

1 Section 1. Section 257.31, subsection 5, unnumbered
2 paragraph 1, Code 2019, is amended to read as follows:

3 If a district has unusual circumstances, creating an unusual
4 need for additional funds, including but not limited to the
5 circumstances enumerated in paragraphs "a" through ~~"n"~~ "o",
6 the committee may grant supplemental aid to the district from
7 any funds appropriated to the department of education for the
8 use of the school budget review committee for the purposes of
9 this subsection. The school budget review committee shall
10 review a school district's unexpended fund balance prior to
11 any decision regarding unusual finance circumstances. Such
12 aid shall be miscellaneous income and shall not be included in
13 district cost. In addition to or as an alternative to granting
14 supplemental aid the committee may establish a modified
15 supplemental amount for the district. The school budget review
16 committee shall review a school district's unspent balance
17 prior to any decision to establish a modified supplemental
18 amount under [this subsection](#).

19 Sec. 2. Section 257.31, subsection 5, Code 2019, is amended
20 by adding the following new paragraph:

21 NEW PARAGRAPH. o. For the payment of fees or costs
22 associated with school courses or programs that are not charged
23 to pupils as the result of the pupil's eligibility for free and
24 reduced price meals under the federal National School Lunch Act
25 and the federal Child Nutrition Act of 1966, 42 U.S.C. §1751
26 et seq.

27 Sec. 3. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to school budget
28 years beginning on or after July 1, 2019.

29 EXPLANATION

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

32 If a school district has one or more of the unusual
33 circumstances enumerated in Code section 257.31(5), creating
34 an unusual need for additional funds, the school budget review
35 committee may grant supplemental aid to the school district

1 from any funds appropriated to the department of education
2 for the use of the school budget review committee or, in
3 addition to or as an alternative to granting supplemental aid,
4 the school budget review committee may establish a modified
5 supplemental amount for the district.

6 This bill adds the payment of fees or costs associated with
7 school courses or programs that are not charged to pupils as
8 the result of the pupil's eligibility for free and reduced
9 price meals under federal law to the list of enumerated
10 circumstances for which supplemental aid or a modified
11 supplemental amount may be approved by the school budget review
12 committee.

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