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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to criteria for and funding of approved
2 local preschool programs and including effective date and
3 applicability provisions.

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

1 Section 1. Section 256C.3, subsection 3, paragraph f, Code
2 2019, is amended to read as follows:

3 f. A minimum of ~~ten~~ thirty hours per week of instruction
4 delivered on the skills and knowledge included in the student
5 learning standards developed for the preschool program.

6 Sec. 2. Section 256C.5, subsection 1, paragraph c, Code
7 2019, is amended to read as follows:

8 c. "*Preschool budget enrollment*" means the figure that is
9 equal to ~~fifty percent~~ of the actual enrollment of eligible
10 students in the preschool programming provided by a school
11 district approved to participate in the preschool program on
12 October 1 of the base year, or the first Monday in October if
13 October 1 falls on a Saturday or Sunday.

14 Sec. 3. EMERGENCY RULES. The department of education and
15 the state board of education may adopt emergency rules under
16 section 17A.4, subsection 3, and section 17A.5, subsection 2,
17 paragraph "b", to implement the provisions of this Act and
18 the rules shall be effective immediately upon filing unless
19 a later date is specified in the rules. Any rules adopted
20 in accordance with this section shall also be published as a
21 notice of intended action as provided in section 17A.4.

22 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate
23 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

24 Sec. 5. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to school budget
25 years beginning on or after July 1, 2019.

26 EXPLANATION

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

29 The statewide preschool program for four-year-old children
30 under Code chapter 256C imposes requirements for approved local
31 preschool programs including a minimum of 10 hours per week
32 of instruction delivered on the skills and knowledge included
33 in the student learning standards developed for the preschool
34 program. This bill increases the minimum number of hours of
35 instruction from 10 to 30 per week.

1 The amount of state funding for each school district's
2 approved local program is determined using a preschool budget
3 enrollment that is equal to 50 percent of the actual enrollment
4 of eligible students in the preschool programming provided by
5 a school district on October 1 of the base year. The bill
6 changes the preschool budget enrollment used to determine
7 funding to an amount equal to 100 percent of the actual
8 enrollment of eligible students in the preschool programming
9 provided by a school district on October 1 of the base year.

10 The bill authorizes the department of education and the
11 state board of education to adopt emergency rules to implement
12 the provisions of the bill and the rules shall be effective
13 immediately upon filing unless a later date is specified in the
14 rules.

15 The bill takes effect upon enactment and applies to school
16 budget years beginning on or after July 1, 2019.