

**House Study Bill 594 - Introduced**

HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
APPROPRIATIONS BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON MOHR)

**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.