

Senate File 171 - Introduced

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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, and including effective date provisions.

5 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. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate
5 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

6 EXPLANATION

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

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

12 Current Code section 257.9 provides that for the budget
13 year beginning July 1, 2019, and succeeding budget years, the
14 regular program state cost per pupil for a budget year is the
15 regular program state cost per pupil for the base year, which
16 includes the \$5 addition made for the budget year beginning
17 July 1, 2018, plus the regular program supplemental state aid
18 for the budget year.

19 Under the bill, for the budget year beginning July 1, 2019,
20 the regular program state cost per pupil is the regular program
21 state cost per pupil for the base year plus the regular program
22 supplemental state aid for the budget year, plus \$5. Then with
23 the budget year beginning July 1, 2020, and succeeding budget
24 years, the regular program state cost per pupil will again be
25 calculated as the regular program state cost per pupil for the
26 base year plus the regular program supplemental state aid for
27 the budget year.

28 Code section 257.16C establishes a transportation equity
29 program to provide additional funding for school districts with
30 a transportation cost per pupil that exceeds the statewide
31 adjusted transportation cost per pupil, as determined by the
32 department of management. The amount of transportation equity
33 aid for each school district is an amount equal to the school
34 district's actual enrollment for the school year, excluding the
35 shared-time enrollment for the school year, multiplied by the

1 school district's transportation cost per pupil differential
2 for the budget year. Code section 257.16C establishes a
3 transportation equity fund and appropriates all moneys in the
4 fund to the department of management for purposes of making
5 the transportation equity aid payments. However, if the
6 balance of the fund exceeds the amount necessary to make all
7 transportation equity aid payments, moneys remaining in the
8 fund are required to be used for transportation base funding
9 payments. Transportation base funding payments for each school
10 district in the state are calculated by multiplying the school
11 district's enrollment used to calculate transportation equity
12 aid by the lesser of the statewide average transportation cost
13 per pupil or the school district's transportation cost per
14 pupil for the budget year.

15 For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, the bill
16 appropriates \$19 million from the general fund of the state
17 for deposit in the transportation equity fund. For each
18 fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2020, the bill
19 appropriates from the general fund of the state to the
20 transportation equity fund the sum of the amount appropriated
21 for the immediately preceding fiscal year plus the product of
22 the amount appropriated for the immediately preceding fiscal
23 year multiplied by the categorical percent of growth for the
24 corresponding school budget year.

25 The bill takes effect upon enactment.