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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing authority for school districts to impose
2 additional property taxes and income surtaxes for certain
3 school resource officer expenses under the instructional
4 support program.

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

1 Section 1. Section 257.19, subsection 1, Code 2020, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. The additional funding for the instructional support
4 program for a budget year is limited to an amount not exceeding
5 ten percent of the total of regular program district cost for
6 the budget year and moneys received under [section 257.14](#) as a
7 budget adjustment for the budget year, plus, for school budget
8 years beginning on or after July 1, 2021, an amount not to
9 exceed the cost of school resource officer expenses for that
10 budget year. ~~Moneys~~ Except as provided in subsection 4, moneys
11 received by a district for the instructional support program
12 are miscellaneous income and may be used for any general fund
13 purpose. However, moneys received by a district for the
14 instructional support program shall not be used as, or in a
15 manner which has the effect of, supplanting funds authorized to
16 be received under [sections 257.41, 257.46, 298.2, and 298.4,](#)
17 or to cover any deficiencies in funding for special education
18 instructional services resulting from the application of the
19 special education weighting plan under [section 256B.9.](#)

20 Sec. 2. Section 257.19, Code 2020, is amended by adding the
21 following new subsection:

22 NEW SUBSECTION. 4. *a.* The amount of funding for a budget
23 year under subsection 1 in excess of ten percent of the school
24 district's total of regular program district cost for the
25 budget year and moneys received under [section 257.14](#) as a
26 budget adjustment for the budget year shall be used only for
27 school resource officer expenses.

28 *b.* For each school district that has approved participation
29 in the instructional support program before July 1, 2020, for a
30 term of years that includes a school budget year beginning on
31 or after July 1, 2021, the school district shall not certify
32 an amount in excess of ten percent of the school district's
33 total of regular program district cost for the budget year and
34 moneys received under [section 257.14](#) as a budget adjustment
35 for the budget year unless the additional amount for school

1 resource officer expenses is authorized in the manner provided
2 in section 257.18.

3 *c.* For purposes of this section, "*school resource officer*
4 *expenses*" means the cost to provide or employ one school
5 resource officer, as defined in 34 U.S.C. §10389, and the cost
6 of the personal safety equipment for that school resource
7 officer.

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EXPLANATION

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

11 This bill authorizes school districts to raise additional
12 amounts of property tax or income surtax under the
13 instructional support program for certain school resource
14 officer expenses.

15 Code section 257.18 authorizes school districts to raise
16 additional amounts of funding by property taxes or income
17 surtaxes for school general fund purposes. The amount
18 authorized to be raised is limited to an amount not exceeding
19 10 percent of the total of regular program district cost for
20 the budget year and moneys received as a budget adjustment for
21 the budget year. Participation in the instructional support
22 program may be for a period not to exceed 10 years subject
23 to voter approval or for a period of 5 years if approved by
24 the school board, subject to a voter petition requesting an
25 election.

26 The bill authorizes an additional annual amount of funding
27 under the instructional support program for school resource
28 officer expenses only for school budget years beginning on or
29 after July 1, 2021.

30 The bill defines "school resource officer expenses" to mean
31 the cost to provide or employ one school resource officer as
32 defined by federal law and the cost of the personal safety
33 equipment for that school resource officer. The federal
34 law definition of "school resource officer" is a career
35 law enforcement officer, with sworn authority, deployed in

1 community-oriented policing, and assigned by the employing
2 police department or agency to work in collaboration with
3 schools and community-based organizations to address crime
4 and disorder problems, gangs, and drug activities affecting
5 or occurring in or around an elementary or secondary school;
6 to develop or expand crime prevention efforts for students;
7 to educate likely school-age victims in crime prevention and
8 safety; to develop or expand community justice initiatives for
9 students; to train students in conflict resolution, restorative
10 justice, and crime awareness; to assist in the identification
11 of physical changes in the environment that may reduce crime in
12 or around the school; and to assist in developing school policy
13 that addresses crime and to recommend procedural changes.

14 The bill also provides that for each school district that
15 has approved participation in the instructional support program
16 before July 1, 2020, for a term of years that includes a school
17 budget year beginning on or after July 1, 2021, the school
18 district shall not certify an amount in excess of the current
19 law maximum amount unless the additional amount for school
20 resource officer expenses is authorized in the manner provided
21 for participation in the instructional support program.