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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to funding amounts for the statewide preschool
2 program and including effective date and applicability
3 provisions.

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

1 Section 1. Section 256C.5, subsection 1, paragraph c, Code
2 2020, is amended to read as follows:

3 c. "Preschool budget enrollment" means:

4 (1) For school districts providing ten or more hours, but
5 less than fourteen hours per week of instruction, the figure
6 that is equal to fifty percent of the actual enrollment of
7 eligible students in the preschool programming provided by
8 a school district approved to participate in the preschool
9 program on October 1 of the base year, or the first Monday in
10 October if October 1 falls on a Saturday or Sunday.

11 (2) For school districts providing fourteen or more hours,
12 but less than eighteen hours per week of instruction, the
13 figure that is equal to sixty percent of the actual enrollment
14 of eligible students in the preschool programming provided by
15 a school district approved to participate in the preschool
16 program on October 1 of the base year, or the first Monday in
17 October if October 1 falls on a Saturday or Sunday.

18 (3) For school districts providing eighteen or more hours
19 per week of instruction, the figure that is equal to seventy
20 percent of the actual enrollment of eligible students in the
21 preschool programming provided by a school district approved to
22 participate in the preschool program on October 1 of the base
23 year, or the first Monday in October if October 1 falls on a
24 Saturday or Sunday.

25 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect January 1,
26 2021.

27 Sec. 3. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to school budget
28 years beginning on or after July 1, 2021.

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 Under Code chapter 256C, preschool foundation aid is
33 calculated by multiplying the school district's preschool
34 budget enrollment by the regular program state cost per
35 pupil for the budget year. "Preschool budget enrollment" is

1 defined as the figure that is equal to 50 percent of the actual
2 enrollment of eligible students in the preschool programming
3 provided by a school district approved to participate in the
4 preschool program on October 1 of the base year.

5 This bill modifies the percentage used to calculate
6 "preschool budget enrollment" based on the number of hours of
7 instruction provided. For school districts providing 10 or
8 more hours, but less than 14 hours per week of instruction,
9 the percentage remains at 50 percent. For school districts
10 providing 14 or more hours, but less than 18 hours per week
11 of instruction, the percentage is 60 percent. For school
12 districts providing 18 or more hours per week of instruction,
13 the percentage is 70 percent.

14 The bill takes effect January 1, 2021, and applies to school
15 budget years beginning on or after July 1, 2021.