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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to shared operational functions for purposes of
2 supplementary weighting for school districts and including
3 effective date and applicability provisions.

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

1 Section 1. Section 257.11, subsection 5, paragraph a, Code
2 2019, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. (1) In order to provide additional funding to increase
4 student opportunities and redirect more resources to student
5 programming for school districts that share operational
6 functions, a district that shares with a political subdivision
7 one or more operational functions of a curriculum director,
8 school resource officer, master social worker, independent
9 social worker, or school counselor, or one or more operational
10 functions in the areas of superintendent management, business
11 management, human resources, transportation, or operation
12 and maintenance for at least twenty percent of the school
13 year shall be assigned a supplementary weighting for each
14 shared operational function. A school district that shares an
15 operational function in the area of superintendent management
16 shall be assigned a supplementary weighting of eight pupils for
17 the function. A school district that shares the operational
18 functions of a school resource officer or that shares an
19 operational function in the area of business management, human
20 resources, transportation, or operation and maintenance shall
21 be assigned a supplementary weighting of five pupils for the
22 function. A school district that shares the operational
23 functions of a curriculum director, a master social worker or
24 an independent social worker licensed under [chapters 147](#) and
25 154C, or a school counselor shall be assigned a supplementary
26 weighting of three pupils for the function. The additional
27 weighting shall be assigned for each discrete operational
28 function shared. However, a school district may receive the
29 additional weighting under [this subsection](#) for sharing the
30 services of an individual with a political subdivision even if
31 the type of operational function performed by the individual
32 for the school district and the type of operational function
33 performed by the individual for the political subdivision are
34 not the same operational function, so long as both operational
35 functions are eligible for weighting under [this subsection](#). In

1 such case, the school district shall be assigned the additional
2 weighting for the type of operational function that the
3 individual performs for the school district, and the school
4 district shall not receive additional weighting for any other
5 function performed by the individual. The operational function
6 sharing arrangement does not need to be a newly implemented
7 sharing arrangement to receive supplementary weighting under
8 this subsection.

9 (2) For the purposes of this section, ~~“political”~~:

10 (a) “Political subdivision” means a city, township, county,
11 school corporation, merged area, area education agency,
12 institution governed by the state board of regents, or any
13 other governmental subdivision.

14 (b) “School resource officer” means the same as defined in
15 34 U.S.C. §10389.

16 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate
17 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

18 Sec. 3. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to school budget
19 years beginning on or after July 1, 2019, subject to the school
20 budget year limitations of section 257.11, subsection 5.

21 EXPLANATION

22 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
23 the explanation’s substance by the members of the general assembly.

24 Code section 257.11(5) provides supplementary weighting
25 for school districts and area education agencies that share
26 specified operational functions for at least 20 percent of the
27 school year. Supplementary weighting under this provision is
28 available for school budget years beginning on or after July 1,
29 2019, through the budget year beginning July 1, 2024.

30 This bill adds a school resource officer to the list of
31 eligible operational functions and positions eligible for a
32 supplementary weighting of five pupils. The bill defines
33 “school resource officer” to mean the same as the federal
34 definition. The federal definition of “school resource
35 officer” is a career law enforcement officer, with sworn

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

15 The bill takes effect upon enactment and applies to school
16 budget years beginning on or after July 1, 2019, through the
17 school budget year beginning July 1, 2024.