

**Senate Study Bill 3097 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE  
ON EDUCATION BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON SINCLAIR)

**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,  
28 subparagraph (2), Code 2020, is amended to read as follows:

29 (2) For each the fiscal year beginning ~~on or after~~ July  
30 1, 2020, there is appropriated from the general fund of the  
31 state to the department of management for deposit in the  
32 transportation equity fund the sum of the following, or so much  
33 thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes of this  
34 section:

35 (a) The amount appropriated to the transportation equity

1 fund under this paragraph for the immediately preceding fiscal  
2 year.

3 (b) The product of the amount determined under subparagraph  
4 division (a) multiplied by the categorical percent of growth  
5 under section 257.8, subsection 2, for the budget year  
6 beginning on the same date of the fiscal year for which the  
7 appropriation is made.

8 (c) Seven million two hundred fifty-three thousand  
9 eighty-eight dollars.

10 Sec. 3. Section 257.16C, subsection 3, paragraph d, Code  
11 2020, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

12 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (3) For each fiscal year beginning on  
13 or after July 1, 2021, there is appropriated from the general  
14 fund of the state to the department of management for deposit  
15 in the transportation equity fund the sum of the following, or  
16 so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes of  
17 this section:

18 (a) The amount appropriated to the transportation equity  
19 fund under this paragraph for the immediately preceding fiscal  
20 year.

21 (b) The product of the amount determined under subparagraph  
22 division (a) multiplied by the categorical percent of growth  
23 under section 257.8, subsection 2, for the budget year  
24 beginning on the same date of the fiscal year for which the  
25 appropriation is made.

26 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate  
27 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

28 EXPLANATION

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

31 This bill relates to public school funding by modifying  
32 provisions relating to the regular program state cost per pupil  
33 and to appropriations to the transportation equity fund.

34 Current Code section 257.9 provides that for the budget  
35 year beginning July 1, 2020, and succeeding budget years, the

1 regular program state cost per pupil for a budget year is the  
2 regular program state cost per pupil for the base year, which  
3 includes the \$5 addition made for the budget year beginning  
4 July 1, 2019, plus the regular program supplemental state aid  
5 for the budget year.

6 Under the bill, for the budget year beginning July 1, 2020,  
7 the regular program state cost per pupil is the regular program  
8 state cost per pupil for the base year plus the regular program  
9 supplemental state aid for the budget year, plus \$10. Then  
10 with the budget year beginning July 1, 2021, and succeeding  
11 budget years, the regular program state cost per pupil will  
12 again be calculated as the regular program state cost per pupil  
13 for the base year plus the regular program supplemental state  
14 aid for the budget year.

15 Code section 257.16C establishes a transportation equity  
16 program to provide additional funding for school districts with  
17 a transportation cost per pupil that exceeds the statewide  
18 adjusted transportation cost per pupil, as determined by the  
19 department of management. The amount of transportation equity  
20 aid for each school district is an amount equal to the school  
21 district's actual enrollment for the school year, excluding the  
22 shared-time enrollment for the school year, multiplied by the  
23 school district's transportation cost per pupil differential  
24 for the budget year. Code section 257.16C establishes a  
25 transportation equity fund and appropriates all moneys in the  
26 fund to the department of management for purposes of making  
27 the transportation equity aid payments. However, if the  
28 balance of the fund exceeds the amount necessary to make all  
29 transportation equity aid payments, moneys remaining in the  
30 fund are required to be used for transportation base funding  
31 payments as calculated under Code section 257.16C(4).

32 For each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2020,  
33 Code section 257.16C appropriates from the general fund of the  
34 state to the transportation equity fund the sum of the amount  
35 appropriated for the immediately preceding fiscal year plus

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1 the product of the amount appropriated for the immediately  
2 preceding fiscal year multiplied by the categorical percent of  
3 growth for the corresponding school budget year. The bill adds  
4 an additional \$7,253,088 to the appropriation for the fiscal  
5 year beginning July 1, 2020.

6 The bill takes effect upon enactment.