

House File 642 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 150)

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,
2 subparagraph (1), Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

3 (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 special education director, 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 an operational
18 function in the area of business management, human resources,
19 transportation, or operation and maintenance shall be assigned
20 a supplementary weighting of five pupils for the function. A
21 school district that shares the operational functions of a
22 curriculum director, a special education director, a master
23 social worker or an independent social worker licensed under
24 chapters 147 and 154C, or a school counselor shall be assigned
25 a supplementary weighting of three pupils for the function.
26 The additional weighting shall be assigned for each discrete
27 operational function shared. However, a school district
28 may receive the additional weighting under [this subsection](#)
29 for sharing the services of an individual with a political
30 subdivision even if the type of operational function performed
31 by the individual for the school district and the type of
32 operational function performed by the individual for the
33 political subdivision are not the same operational function, so
34 long as both operational functions are eligible for weighting
35 under [this subsection](#). In such case, the school district

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

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

10 Sec. 3. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to school budget
11 years beginning on or after July 1, 2021, subject to the school
12 budget year limitations of section 257.11, subsection 5.

13 EXPLANATION

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

16 Code section 257.11(5) provides supplementary weighting
17 for school districts and area education agencies that share
18 specified operational functions for at least 20 percent of the
19 school year. Supplementary weighting under this provision is
20 available for school budget years beginning on or after July 1,
21 2014, through the budget year beginning July 1, 2024.

22 This bill adds a special education director to the list of
23 eligible operational functions and positions eligible for a
24 supplementary weighting of three pupils.

25 The bill takes effect upon enactment and applies to school
26 budget years beginning on or after July 1, 2021, through the
27 school budget year beginning July 1, 2024.