

**House File 845 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 642)

(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.