

Senate File 2221 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 2221
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to school district class size and student
2 performance, making appropriations, and including effective
3 date provisions.

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

1 Section 1. CLASS SIZE REDUCTION SUPPLEMENT —
2 APPROPRIATION.

3 1. For the school budget year beginning July 1, 2022,
4 each school district for which the school district's average
5 class size for grades kindergarten through eight during the
6 school year beginning July 1, 2021, was eighteen students or
7 greater shall receive a class size reduction supplement. The
8 supplement for each eligible district shall be in an amount
9 equal to the share of the appropriation under subsection 5 that
10 is proportionate to the school district's enrollment in grades
11 kindergarten through eight for the school budget year beginning
12 July 1, 2021, as a share of the total enrollment in grades
13 kindergarten through eight for the school budget year beginning
14 July 1, 2021, among all eligible schools.

15 2. The class size reduction supplement shall be
16 miscellaneous income, shall be deposited in the general fund
17 of the school district, and shall not be included in district
18 cost.

19 3. The class size reduction supplement amount received by
20 a school district shall be used by the school district during
21 the school budget years beginning on or after July 1, 2022,
22 and ending before July 1, 2025, and shall be used to reduce
23 class sizes among grades kindergarten through eight and address
24 student underperformance and deficiencies.

25 4. The class size reduction supplement shall be paid in full
26 at the same time and in the same manner as the final monthly
27 foundation aid payment under section 257.16 for the fiscal year
28 ending June 30, 2022.

29 5. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
30 to the department of management for the fiscal year beginning
31 July 1, 2021, fifteen million dollars to make all supplement
32 payments as calculated under this section.

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

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EXPLANATION

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

3 This bill provides for a school district class size
4 reduction supplement. For the school budget year beginning
5 July 1, 2022, each school district for which the school
6 district's average class size for grades kindergarten through
7 eight during the school year beginning July 1, 2021, was 18
8 students or greater shall receive a class size reduction
9 supplement. The supplement for each eligible district
10 shall be in an amount equal to the share of the \$15 million
11 appropriation that is proportionate to the school district's
12 enrollment in grades kindergarten through eight for the school
13 budget year beginning July 1, 2021, as a share of the total
14 enrollment in grades kindergarten through eight for the school
15 budget year beginning July 1, 2021, among all eligible schools.

16 The class size reduction supplement amount received by a
17 school district shall be used by the school district during
18 the school budget years beginning on or after July 1, 2022,
19 and ending before July 1, 2025, and shall be used to reduce
20 class sizes among grades kindergarten through eight and address
21 student underperformance and deficiencies. The class size
22 reduction supplement is miscellaneous income, must be deposited
23 in the general fund of the school district, and is not to be
24 included in district cost.

25 The appropriation for the supplement is made for the fiscal
26 year beginning July 1, 2021, and the supplement shall be paid
27 in full at the same time and in the same manner as the final
28 monthly foundation aid payment to school districts for the
29 fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.

30 The bill takes effect upon enactment.