

**Senate File 74 - Introduced**

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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 2021, 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 ~~subdivision”~~:

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

15 (b) “School resource officer” means the same as defined in  
16 34 U.S.C. §10389.

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

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

22 EXPLANATION

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

25 Code section 257.11(5) provides supplementary weighting  
26 for school districts and area education agencies that share  
27 specified operational functions for at least 20 percent of the  
28 school year. Supplementary weighting under this provision is  
29 available for school budget years beginning on or after July 1,  
30 2021, through the budget year beginning July 1, 2024.

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

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

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