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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to school districts and area education agencies
- 2 that share operational functions by adding eligibility for
- 3 information technology specialists and including effective
- 4 date and applicability provisions.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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      Section 1. Section 257.11, subsection 5, paragraph a,
 2 subparagraph (1), Code 2023, is amended to read as follows:
           In order to provide additional funding to increase
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 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 information technology specialist, master social worker,
 9 independent social worker, work-based learning coordinator,
10 special education director, mental health professional
11 who holds a statement of recognition issued by the board
12 of educational examiners, college and career transition
13 counselor or coordinator, school resource officer, or school
14 counselor, or one or more operational functions in the areas
15 of superintendent management, business management, human
16 resources, transportation, or operation and maintenance
17 for at least twenty percent of the school year shall be
18 assigned a supplementary weighting for each shared operational
19 function. A school district that shares an operational
20 function in the area of superintendent management shall be
21 assigned a supplementary weighting of nine pupils for the
22 function. A school district that shares the operational
23 functions of an information technology specialist or an
24 operational function in the area of business management, human
25 resources, transportation, or operation and maintenance shall
26 be assigned a supplementary weighting of five pupils for the
27 function. A school district that shares the operational
28 functions of a curriculum director; a master social worker or
29 an independent social worker licensed under chapters 147 and
30 154C; a work-based learning coordinator; a special education
31 director; a mental health professional who holds a statement
32 of recognition issued by the board of educational examiners;
33 a college and career transition counselor or coordinator;
34 a school resource officer; or a school counselor shall be
35 assigned a supplementary weighting of three pupils for the
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- 1 function. The additional weighting shall be assigned for
- 2 each discrete operational function shared. However, a school
- 3 district may receive the additional weighting under this
- 4 subsection for sharing the services of an individual with
- 5 a political subdivision or another school district even if
- 6 the type of operational function performed by the individual
- 7 for the school district and the type of operational function
- 8 performed by the individual for the political subdivision or
- 9 another school district are not the same operational function,
- 10 so long as either both operational functions are eligible for
- 11 weighting under this subsection or the operational function
- 12 the individual performs for the school district is special
- 13 education director. In either case, the school district
- 14 shall be assigned the additional weighting for the type of
- 15 operational function that the individual performs for the
- 16 school district, and the school district shall not receive
- 17 additional weighting for any other function performed by the
- 18 individual. The operational function sharing arrangement does
- 19 not need to be a newly implemented sharing arrangement to
- 20 receive supplementary weighting under this subsection.
- 21 Sec. 2. Section 257.11, subsection 5, paragraph a,
- 22 subparagraph (2), Code 2023, is amended by adding the following
- 23 new subparagraph division:
- 24 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH DIVISION. (0b) "Information technology
- 25 specialist" means an individual whose assigned job duties
- 26 primarily include any of the following:
- 27 (i) Establishment of and enforcement of standards and
- 28 specifications for network computer systems and user support
- 29 for such systems.
- 30 (ii) Development of computer systems applications, or
- 31 the development, installation, and maintenance of local area
- 32 network and mainframe computer systems or server environments
- 33 and user support for such systems.
- 34 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate
- 35 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

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- 1 Sec. 4. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to school budget
- 2 years beginning on or after July 1, 2023, subject to the school
- 3 budget year limitations of section 257.11, subsection 5.
- 4 EXPLANATION
- 5 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with 6 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
- 7 Pursuant to Code section 257.11, in order to provide
- 8 additional funding to increase student opportunities
- 9 and redirect resources to student programming that share
- 10 operational functions, a school district or area education
- 11 agency that shares with another political subdivision
- 12 one or more specified operational functions is assigned
- 13 a supplementary weighting for each shared operational
- 14 function. This bill adds information technology specialist
- 15 to the eligible shared operational functions and provides a
- 16 definition for that position. By operation of Code section
- 17 257.11(5)(b)(1), an information technology specialist is
- 18 assigned a supplementary weighting of four pupils under the
- 19 bill.
- 20 The bill takes effect upon enactment and applies to school
- 21 budget years beginning on or after July 1, 2023, subject to
- 22 the limitation of Code section 257.11(5), which sunsets the
- 23 availability supplementary weighting following the school
- 24 budget year beginning July 1, 2024.