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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to school districts and area education agencies
2 that share bachelor social workers as part of an operational
3 sharing agreement, and including 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 2024, 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 bachelor social worker, master social worker, independent
9 social worker, work-based learning coordinator, special
10 education director, mental health professional who holds a
11 statement of recognition issued by the board of educational
12 examiners, college and career transition counselor or
13 coordinator, school resource officer, or school counselor,
14 or one or more operational functions in the areas of
15 superintendent management, business management, human
16 resources, transportation, or operation and maintenance for at
17 least twenty percent of the school year shall be assigned a
18 supplementary weighting for each shared operational function.
19 A school district that shares an operational function in
20 the area of superintendent management shall be assigned a
21 supplementary weighting of nine pupils for the function. A
22 school district that shares an operational function in the area
23 of business management, human resources, transportation, or
24 operation and maintenance shall be assigned a supplementary
25 weighting of five pupils for the function. A school district
26 that shares the operational functions of a curriculum
27 director; a bachelor social worker, master social worker, or
28 an independent social worker licensed under [chapters 147](#) and
29 [154C](#); a work-based learning coordinator; a special education
30 director; a mental health professional who holds a statement
31 of recognition issued by the board of educational examiners;
32 a college and career transition counselor or coordinator;
33 a school resource officer; or a school counselor shall be
34 assigned a supplementary weighting of three pupils for the
35 function. The additional weighting shall be assigned for

1 each discrete operational function shared. However, a school
2 district may receive the additional weighting under this
3 subsection for sharing the services of an individual with
4 a political subdivision or another school district even if
5 the type of operational function performed by the individual
6 for the school district and the type of operational function
7 performed by the individual for the political subdivision or
8 another school district are not the same operational function,
9 so long as either both operational functions are eligible for
10 weighting under **this subsection** or the operational function
11 the individual performs for the school district is special
12 education director. In either case, the school district
13 shall be assigned the additional weighting for the type of
14 operational function that the individual performs for the
15 school district, and the school district shall not receive
16 additional weighting for any other function performed by the
17 individual. The operational function sharing arrangement does
18 not need to be a newly implemented sharing arrangement to
19 receive supplementary weighting under **this subsection**.

20 Sec. 3. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to school budget
21 years beginning on or after July 1, 2025, subject to the school
22 budget year limitations of section 257.11, subsection 5.

23 EXPLANATION

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

26 Pursuant to Code section 257.11, in order to provide
27 additional funding to increase student opportunities
28 and redirect resources to student programming that share
29 operational functions, a school district or area education
30 agency that shares with another political subdivision
31 one or more specified operational functions is assigned a
32 supplementary weighting for each shared operational function.
33 This bill adds a bachelor social worker licensed by the state
34 to the eligible shared operational functions. By operation
35 of Code section 257.11(5)(b)(2), a bachelor social worker is

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1 assigned a supplementary weighting of two pupils under the
2 bill.

3 The bill applies to school budget years beginning on or
4 after July 1, 2025, subject to the limitation of Code section
5 257.11(5), which sunsets the availability of supplementary
6 weighting following the school budget year beginning July 1,
7 2034.