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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to statewide voluntary preschool programs,  
2 including minimum hours of instruction and funding.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256C.3, subsection 3, paragraph f, Code  
2 2024, is amended to read as follows:

3 f. A minimum of ~~ten~~ twenty hours per week of instruction  
4 delivered on the skills and knowledge included in the student  
5 learning standards developed for the preschool program.

6 Sec. 2. Section 256C.5, subsection 1, paragraphs c and d,  
7 Code 2024, are amended to read as follows:

8 c. ~~"Preschool budget enrollment" means the figure that is~~  
9 ~~equal to fifty percent of the actual enrollment of eligible~~  
10 ~~students in the preschool programming provided by a school~~  
11 ~~district approved to participate in the preschool program on~~  
12 ~~October 1 of the base year, or the first Monday in October if~~  
13 ~~October 1 falls on a Saturday or Sunday.~~

14 ~~d. "Preschool foundation aid" means the product of~~  
15 ~~the regular program state cost per pupil for the budget~~  
16 ~~year multiplied by the school district's preschool budget~~  
17 ~~enrollment~~ actual enrollment of eligible students in the  
18 preschool programming provided by a school district approved to  
19 participate in the preschool program on October 1 of the base  
20 year, or the first Monday in October if October 1 falls on a  
21 Saturday or Sunday.

22 Sec. 3. Section 256C.5, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code  
23 2024, is amended to read as follows:

24 a. For the initial school year for which a school district  
25 approved to participate in the preschool program receives that  
26 approval and implements the preschool program, the funding for  
27 the preschool foundation aid payable to that school district  
28 shall be paid from the appropriation made for that school year  
29 in [section 256C.6](#), Code 2011, or in another appropriation  
30 made for purposes of [this chapter](#). For that school year, the  
31 preschool foundation aid payable to the school district is  
32 the product of the regular program state cost per pupil for  
33 the school year multiplied by ~~sixty percent~~ of the school  
34 district's eligible student enrollment on the date in the  
35 school year determined by rule.

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EXPLANATION

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

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4 This bill relates to the statewide voluntary preschool  
5 program (SVPP), including minimum hours of instruction and  
6 funding.

7 The bill requires each SVPP to offer a minimum of 20 hours  
8 of instruction per week to each student. Under current law,  
9 SVPPs only need to offer 10 hours of instruction per week to  
10 each student.

11 SVPP funding is calculated based on the state cost per pupil  
12 multiplied by 50 percent of the actual enrollment of students  
13 in the SVPP. The bill changes this calculation to multiply the  
14 state cost per pupil by the actual enrollment of students in  
15 the SVPP.

16 Under current law, in an SVPP's initial year, the SVPP's  
17 funding is calculated by multiplying the state cost per pupil  
18 by 60 percent of the eligible enrollment of students in the  
19 SVPP on a date determined by the department of education (DOE)  
20 by rule. The bill makes the initial year funding calculations  
21 based on the actual number of eligible students enrolled in the  
22 SVPP on a date determined by the DOE by rule.