

House File 360 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE 360
BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 123)

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:

1 Section 1. Section 257.11, subsection 5, paragraph a,
2 subparagraph (1), as amended by 2023 Iowa Acts, House File 68,
3 section 15, is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) In order to provide additional funding to increase
5 student opportunities and redirect more resources to student
6 programming for school districts that share operational
7 functions, a district that shares with a political subdivision
8 one or more operational functions of a curriculum director,
9 information technology specialist, master social worker,
10 independent social worker, work-based learning coordinator,
11 special education director, mental health professional
12 who holds a statement of recognition issued by the board
13 of educational examiners, college and career transition
14 counselor or coordinator, school resource officer, or school
15 counselor, or one or more operational functions in the areas
16 of superintendent management, business management, human
17 resources, transportation, or operation and maintenance
18 for at least twenty percent of the school year shall be
19 assigned a supplementary weighting for each shared operational
20 function. A school district that shares an operational
21 function in the area of superintendent management shall be
22 assigned a supplementary weighting of nine pupils for the
23 function. A school district that shares the operational
24 functions of an information technology specialist or an
25 operational function in the area of business management, human
26 resources, transportation, or operation and maintenance shall
27 be assigned a supplementary weighting of five pupils for the
28 function. A school district that shares the operational
29 functions of a curriculum director; a master social worker or
30 an independent social worker licensed under [chapters 147](#) and
31 154C; a work-based learning coordinator; a special education
32 director; a mental health professional who holds a statement
33 of recognition issued by the board of educational examiners;
34 a college and career transition counselor or coordinator;
35 a school resource officer; or a school counselor shall be

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

22 Sec. 2. Section 257.11, subsection 5, paragraph a,
23 subparagraph (2), as amended by 2023 Iowa Acts, House File 68,
24 section 15, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph
25 division:

26 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH DIVISION. (0b) *Information technology*
27 *specialist* means an individual whose assigned job duties
28 primarily include any of the following:

29 (i) Establishment of and enforcement of standards and
30 specifications for network computer systems and user support
31 for such systems.

32 (ii) Development of computer systems applications, or
33 the development, installation, and maintenance of local area
34 network and mainframe computer systems or server environments
35 and user support for such systems.

