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A BILL FOR

1 An Act extending the period of budget years for which
2 supplementary weighting is available for shared operational
3 functions by school districts and area education agencies.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 257.11, subsection 5, Code 2023, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 5. *Shared operational functions — increased student*
4 *opportunities — budget years beginning in 2014 through 2024*
5 *2034.*

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

1 three pupils for the function. The additional weighting shall
 2 be assigned for each discrete operational function shared.
 3 However, a school district may receive the additional weighting
 4 under *this subsection* for sharing the services of an individual
 5 with 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 (2) For the purposes of this paragraph "a":

22 (a) "*College and career transition counselor or coordinator*"
 23 means a licensed school counselor or an appropriately trained
 24 individual responsible for providing direct services to
 25 students, parents, families, schools, and postsecondary
 26 institutions to support college preparation and postsecondary
 27 success, such as college preparation, financial aid processing,
 28 and transition to postsecondary institution enrollment.

29 (b) "*Political subdivision*" means a city, township, county,
 30 school corporation, merged area, area education agency,
 31 institution governed by the state board of regents, or any
 32 other governmental subdivision.

33 (c) "*School resource officer*" means the same as defined in
 34 34 U.S.C. §10389.

35 (d) "*Work-based learning coordinator*" means an appropriately

1 trained individual responsible for facilitating authentic,
2 engaging work-based learning experiences for learners and
3 educators in partnership with employers and others to enhance
4 learning by connecting the content and skills that are
5 necessary for future careers.

6 *b.* (1) Notwithstanding paragraph "a", subparagraph (1),
7 each operational function assigned a supplementary weighting
8 of five pupils under paragraph "a", subparagraph (1), shall
9 instead be assigned a supplementary weighting of four pupils
10 for the school budget years beginning on or after July 1, 2022,
11 ~~July 1, 2023, and July 1, 2024~~ but before July 1, 2035.

12 (2) Notwithstanding paragraph "a", subparagraph (1), each
13 operational function assigned a supplementary weighting of
14 three pupils under paragraph "a", subparagraph (1), shall
15 instead be assigned a supplementary weighting of two pupils for
16 the school budget years beginning on or after July 1, 2022,
17 ~~July 1, 2023, and July 1, 2024~~ but before July 1, 2035.

18 *c.* School districts that share operational functions with
19 other school districts are not required to be contiguous school
20 districts. If two or more districts sharing operational
21 functions are not contiguous to each other, the districts
22 separating those districts are not required to be a party to
23 the operational functions sharing arrangement.

24 *d.* Supplementary weighting pursuant to [this subsection](#) shall
25 be available to a school district during the period commencing
26 with the budget year beginning July 1, 2014, through the
27 budget year beginning July 1, ~~2024~~ 2034. The maximum amount
28 of additional weighting for which a school district shall be
29 eligible in a budget year is twenty-one additional pupils.
30 Criteria for determining the qualification of operational
31 functions for supplementary weighting shall be determined by
32 the department by rule, through consideration of increased
33 student opportunities.

34 *e.* Supplementary weighting pursuant to [this subsection](#) shall
35 be available to an area education agency during the period

1 commencing with the budget year beginning July 1, 2014, through
2 the budget year beginning July 1, ~~2024~~ 2034. The minimum
3 amount of additional funding for which an area education
4 agency shall be eligible in a budget year is thirty thousand
5 dollars, and the maximum amount of additional funding for which
6 an area education agency shall be eligible is two hundred
7 thousand dollars. The department of management shall annually
8 set a weighting for each area education agency to generate
9 the approved operational sharing expense using the area
10 education agency's special education cost per pupil amount and
11 foundation level. Criteria for determining the qualification
12 of operational functions for supplementary weighting shall be
13 determined by the department by rule, through consideration of
14 increased student opportunities.

15 *f.* **This subsection** is repealed effective July 1, ~~2025~~ 2035.

16 EXPLANATION

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

19 Code section 257.11(5) provides supplementary weighting
20 for school districts and area education agencies that share
21 specified operational functions with another political
22 subdivision of this state. Supplementary weighting under
23 this provision is available for school budget years beginning
24 on or after July 1, 2014, through the budget year beginning
25 July 1, 2024. This bill extends the period of years for the
26 supplementary weighting through the budget year beginning July
27 1, 2034.