

Senate File 2383 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 2075)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to statewide voluntary preschool program
2 students whose household income is below a certain
3 amount, minimum hours required to be offered, and funding
4 calculations.

5 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 by striking the paragraph and inserting in
3 lieu thereof the following:

4 f. (1) The following minimum hours per week of instruction,
5 as chosen by the school district at the beginning of the school
6 year, delivered on the skills and knowledge included in the
7 student learning standards developed for the preschool program:

8 (a) For the school year beginning July 1, 2024, either of
9 the following:

10 (i) Ten hours per week of instruction for each student.

11 (ii) (A) Ten hours per week of instruction for students not
12 described in subparagraph part (B).

13 (B) For eligible students whose household income is less
14 than one hundred eighty-five percent of the federal poverty
15 level applicable to the family's size, fifteen hours per week
16 of instruction.

17 (b) For school years beginning on or after July 1, 2025,
18 either of the following:

19 (i) Ten hours per week of instruction for each student.

20 (ii) (A) Ten hours per week of instruction for students not
21 described in subparagraph part (B).

22 (B) For eligible students whose household income is less
23 than one hundred eighty-five percent of the federal poverty
24 level applicable to the family's size, twenty hours per week
25 of instruction.

26 (2) If a school district chooses to satisfy the minimum
27 hour requirements for a school year under subparagraph (1),
28 subparagraph division (a), subparagraph subdivision (ii),
29 families of eligible children whose household income is less
30 than one hundred eighty-five percent of the federal poverty
31 level applicable to the family's size may choose between ten
32 hours of instruction per week or fifteen hours of instruction
33 per week.

34 (3) If a school district chooses to satisfy the minimum
35 hour requirements for a school year under subparagraph (1),

1 subparagraph division (b), subparagraph subdivision (ii),
2 families of eligible children whose household income is less
3 than one hundred eighty-five percent of the federal poverty
4 level applicable to the family's size may choose between ten
5 hours of instruction per week or twenty hours of instruction
6 per week.

7 Sec. 2. Section 256C.5, subsection 1, paragraph c, Code
8 2024, is amended by striking the paragraph and inserting in
9 lieu thereof the following:

10 c. *"Preschool budget enrollment"* means either of the
11 following figures as applicable to the school district based on
12 the numbers of eligible students approved to participate and
13 enrolled in the preschool programming provided by the school
14 district on October 1 of the base year, or the first Monday in
15 October if October 1 falls on a Saturday or Sunday:

16 (1) For a school district providing minimum required school
17 hours as set under section 256C.3, subsection 3, paragraph
18 "f", subparagraph (1), subparagraph division (a), subparagraph
19 subdivision (i), or section 256C.3, subsection 3, paragraph
20 "f", subparagraph (1), subparagraph division (b), subparagraph
21 subdivision (i), fifty percent of the actual enrollment of
22 eligible students.

23 (2) For a school district providing minimum required school
24 hours as set under section 256C.3, subsection 3, paragraph
25 "f", subparagraph (1), subparagraph division (a), subparagraph
26 subdivision (ii), the sum of all of the following:

27 (a) Fifty percent of the actual enrollment of eligible
28 students not described in subparagraph division (b).

29 (b) Seventy-five percent of the actual enrollment of
30 eligible students who receive a minimum of fifteen hours of
31 instruction per week and whose household income is less than
32 one hundred eighty-five percent of the federal poverty level
33 applicable to the family's size.

34 (3) For a school district providing minimum required school
35 hours as set under section 256C.3, subsection 3, paragraph

1 "f", subparagraph (1), subparagraph division (b), subparagraph
2 subdivision (ii), the sum of all of the following:

3 (a) Fifty percent of the actual enrollment of eligible
4 students not described in subparagraph division (b).

5 (b) The actual enrollment of eligible students who receive
6 a minimum of twenty hours of instruction per week and whose
7 household income is less than one hundred eighty-five percent
8 of the federal poverty level applicable to the family's size.

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EXPLANATION

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

12 This bill relates to statewide voluntary preschool program
13 (SVPP) students whose household income is below a certain
14 amount, minimum hours required to be offered, and funding
15 calculations.

16 The bill allows each school district to choose at the
17 beginning of each school year between the currently required
18 minimum 10 hours of instruction per week for an enrolled child,
19 or a heightened required amount of hours for enrolled children
20 whose household family income is below 185 percent of the
21 federal poverty level (FPL) and a required 10 hours per week
22 of instruction for all other children. For FY 2024-2025, the
23 heightened requirement is a minimum of 15 hours per week of
24 instruction, and for FY 2025-2026, and each succeeding school
25 year, the heightened requirement is a minimum of 20 hours per
26 week of instruction.

27 The bill requires school districts to allow families of
28 children whose household income is below 185 percent of the
29 FPL applicable to the family's size to choose between 10 hours
30 of instruction per week or the minimum hours of instruction
31 established for children of families with income below 185
32 percent of the FPL applicable to the family's size for the
33 child.

34 A school district with an approved SVPP is funded in part by
35 preschool foundation aid payments. The preschool foundation

1 aid is calculated by multiplying the regular program state cost
2 per pupil by the school district's preschool budget enrollment.
3 Currently, the preschool budget enrollment for a given year
4 is calculated by multiplying the number of eligible students
5 enrolled in the preschool program by 50 percent.

6 The bill changes the calculation for preschool budget
7 enrollment for school districts that choose to follow the
8 heightened hours of instruction requirement for children whose
9 household income is below 185 percent of the FPL to the sum
10 of the following number of eligible students: (1) for the
11 school year beginning July 1, 2024, 75 percent of eligible
12 students who receive 15 hours per week of instruction and whose
13 household income is less than 185 percent of the FPL plus 50
14 percent of all other eligible students; and (2) for school
15 years beginning on or after July 1, 2025, the actual number of
16 eligible students who receive 20 hours per week of instruction
17 and whose household income is less than 185 percent of the FPL
18 plus 50 percent of all other eligible students. Calculations
19 for preschool budget enrollment for school districts that
20 continue to follow currently required minimum hours of
21 instruction remain unchanged.