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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to funding of approved local preschool programs
- 2 and including applicability provisions.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256C.5, subsection 1, paragraph c, Code
2 2023, is amended to read as follows:

3 c. "Preschool budget enrollment" means the figure that is 4 equal to fifty percent of the actual enrollment of eligible 5 students in the preschool programming provided by a school 6 district approved to participate in the preschool program on 7 October 1 of the base year, or the first Monday in October if 8 October 1 falls on a Saturday or Sunday.

9 Sec. 2. Section 256C.5, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code 10 2023, is amended to read as follows:

11 a. For the initial school year for which a school district 12 approved to participate in the preschool program receives that 13 approval and implements the preschool program, the funding for 14 the preschool foundation aid payable to that school district 15 shall be paid from the appropriation made for that school year 16 in section 256C.6, Code 2011, or in another appropriation 17 made for purposes of this chapter. For that school year, the 18 preschool foundation aid payable to the school district is 19 the product of the regular program state cost per pupil for 20 the school year multiplied by sixty percent of the school 21 district's eligible student enrollment on the date in the 22 school year determined by rule.

23 Sec. 3. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to school budget 24 years beginning on or after July 1, 2024.

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.

The amount of state funding for each school district's approved local program under Code chapter 256C is determined using a preschool budget enrollment that is equal to 50 percent of the actual enrollment of eligible students in the preschool programming provided by a school district on October 1 of the base year. This bill changes the preschool budget enrollment used to determine funding to an amount equal to 100 percent of the actual enrollment of eligible students in the preschool

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LSB 1749SS (5) 90 md/jh 1 programming provided by a school district on October 1 of the

2 base year. The bill also modifies the funding calculation for

3 the initial school year for which a school district is approved 4 to participate in the program.

5 The bill applies to school budget years beginning on or after 6 July 1, 2024.

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