

**House File 214 - Introduced**

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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:

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1 Section 1. Section 256C.5, subsection 1, paragraph c, Code  
2 2025, 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 2025,  
10 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 in  
16 section 256C.6, Code 2011, or in another appropriation made for  
17 purposes of this chapter. For that school year, the preschool  
18 foundation aid payable to the school district is the product of  
19 the regular program state cost per pupil for the school year  
20 multiplied by ~~sixty percent~~ of the school district's eligible  
21 student enrollment on the date in the school year determined by  
22 rule.

23 Sec. 3. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to school budget  
24 years beginning on or after July 1, 2026.

25 EXPLANATION

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

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

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, 2026.

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