

**House File 445 - Introduced**

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BY FETT

**A BILL FOR**

- 1 An Act modifying provisions related to application periods for
- 2 the education savings account program.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 257.11B, subsections 3 and 4, Code 2025,  
2 are amended to read as follows:

3 3. a. (1) On or after January 1, but on or before June 30,  
4 preceding the school year for which the education savings account  
5 payment is requested, the parent or guardian of an eligible pupil  
6 may request an education savings account payment by submitting an  
7 application to the department of education.

8 (2) On or after December 1, but on or before December 20,  
9 preceding the semester for which the education savings account  
10 payment is requested, the parent or guardian of an eligible pupil  
11 may request an education savings account payment by submitting an  
12 application to the department of education.

13 b. Within thirty days following submission of an application,  
14 the department of education or third-party entity shall notify  
15 the parent or guardian of each pupil approved for the following  
16 school year or semester and specify the amount of the education  
17 savings account payment for the pupil, if known at the time of  
18 the notice. As soon as practical following the processing of all  
19 applications, the department of education or third-party entity  
20 shall determine the number of pupils in each school district  
21 approved for the school budget year and provide such information  
22 to the department of management.

23 c. Education savings account payments shall only be approved  
24 for one school year or one semester, as applicable, and  
25 applications must be submitted annually for payments in  
26 subsequent school years.

27 4. Each education savings account payment shall be equal  
28 to the regular program state cost per pupil for the same  
29 school budget year; provided, however, that an education savings  
30 account payment shall be equal to fifty percent of the regular  
31 program state cost per pupil for the same school budget year  
32 if the pupil's parent or guardian submitted an application under  
33 subsection 3, paragraph "a", subparagraph (2).

34 Sec. 2. Section 257.11B, subsection 6, paragraph a, Code  
35 2025, is amended to read as follows:



1 school year for which the education savings account payment is  
2 requested. The bill allows the parent or guardian of a pupil  
3 to submit such an application on or after December 1, but on  
4 or before December 20, preceding the semester for which the  
5 education savings account payment is requested. Additionally,  
6 under current law each education savings account payment is equal  
7 to the regular program state cost per pupil for the same school  
8 budget year. The bill provides that, if the parent or guardian  
9 of a pupil submitted such an application on or after December 1,  
10 but on or before December 20, preceding the semester for which  
11 the education savings account payment is requested, the education  
12 savings account payment for such pupil is equal to 50 percent  
13 of the regular program state cost per pupil for the same school  
14 budget year. The bill makes conforming changes.

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