

House File 515 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 122)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to school districts that share the operational
2 functions of a school resource officer, and including
3 applicability provisions.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 257.11, subsection 5, paragraph a,
2 subparagraph (1), Code 2025, is amended to read as follows:

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

1 under this subsection for sharing the services of an individual
2 with a political subdivision or another school district even
3 if the type of operational function performed by the individual
4 for the school district and the type of operational function
5 performed by the individual for the political subdivision or
6 another school district are not the same operational function,
7 so long as either both operational functions are eligible for
8 weighting under this subsection or the operational function
9 the individual performs for the school district is special
10 education director. In either case, the school district shall
11 be assigned the additional weighting for the type of operational
12 function that the individual performs for the school district,
13 and the school district shall not receive additional weighting
14 for any other function performed by the individual. The
15 operational function sharing arrangement does not need to be a
16 newly implemented sharing arrangement to receive supplementary
17 weighting under this subsection.

18 Sec. 2. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies July 1, 2025, for
19 school budget years beginning on or after that date.

20 EXPLANATION

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

23 This bill relates to school districts that share the
24 operational functions of a school resource officer.

25 Current law provides that, through the budget year beginning
26 July 1, 2034, a school district that shares with a political
27 subdivision one or more operational functions in certain
28 specified areas for at least 20 percent of the school year shall
29 be assigned a supplementary weighting for each shared operational
30 function. The purpose of the supplementary weighting is to
31 provide additional funding to increase student opportunities
32 and redirect more resources to student programming for school
33 districts. Under current law, the supplementary weighting
34 associated with a school resource officer is two pupils for
35 the school budget years beginning on or after July 1, 2022,

1 but before July 1, 2035. The bill increases the supplementary
2 weighting associated with a school resource officer to four
3 pupils. The bill applies July 1, 2025, for school budget years
4 beginning on or after that date.

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