

House File 579 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 157)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to certain amounts of school district funding for
2 programs for at-risk students, secondary students who attend
3 alternative programs or alternative schools, or returning
4 dropouts and dropout prevention.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 257.41, subsection 3, Code 2025, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 3. *Limitation.*

4 a. For Except as provided in paragraph "b", for the fiscal
5 year beginning July 1, 2013, and each succeeding fiscal year,
6 the ratio of the amount of the modified supplemental amount
7 established by the department of management compared to the
8 school district's total regular program district cost shall
9 not exceed two and one-half percent. However, if the school
10 district's highest such ratio so determined for any fiscal year
11 beginning on or after July 1, 2009, but before July 1, 2013,
12 exceeded two and one-half percent, the ratio may exceed two and
13 one-half percent but shall not exceed the highest such ratio
14 established during that period.

15 b. For the fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2026,
16 the ratio of the amount of the modified supplemental amount
17 established by the department of management compared to the
18 school district's total regular program district cost may exceed
19 the limitation otherwise applicable under paragraph "a", not to
20 exceed five percent, if such limit is approved at an election.
21 If the limit is approved, such ratio shall not increase by more
22 than one-quarter of one percent per fiscal year. The board may
23 on its own motion, and upon the written request of not less than
24 one hundred eligible electors or thirty percent of the number
25 of eligible electors voting at the last regular school election,
26 whichever is greater, shall, direct the county commissioner of
27 elections to submit the question to the registered voters of the
28 district. The authorization shall be for the period of years
29 authorized at election or until such authorization is rescinded
30 at election. The election shall be held on a date specified in
31 section 39.2, subsection 4, paragraph "c".

32 EXPLANATION

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

35 As part of the budget for a school district's program for

1 at-risk students, secondary students who attend alternative
2 programs and alternative schools, or returning dropouts and
3 dropout prevention, the school board may request to use a
4 modified supplemental amount. However, current law provides that
5 the ratio of the amount of the modified supplemental amount
6 compared to the school district's total regular program district
7 cost shall not exceed 2.5 percent or the school district's
8 highest ratio for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1,
9 2009, but before July 1, 2013, whichever is greater.

10 This bill modifies the maximum modified supplemental amount
11 calculation for fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2026,
12 by increasing the 2.5 percent ratio figure to a maximum ratio
13 percentage not to exceed 5 percent for all school districts.
14 The bill specifies the method and requirements for placing the
15 proposition on the ballot and the manner for rescinding the
16 authorization. If the limit is approved at election, such ratio
17 shall not increase by more than one-quarter of one percent per
18 fiscal year.