

House File 789 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 108)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to payments to charter schools by a school
2 district of residence for students enrolled in a charter
3 school, and including effective date provisions.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 256E.8, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code
2 2025, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. The charter school in which the student is enrolled shall
4 receive under paragraph "c" an amount equal to the sum of the
5 regular program state cost per pupil for the budget year plus
6 the teacher leadership supplement state cost per pupil, the
7 teacher salary supplement state cost per pupil, the professional
8 development supplement state cost per pupil, and the early
9 intervention supplement state cost per pupil for the budget year
10 as provided in section 257.9 plus any moneys that would be
11 due to the school district of residence for the student as a
12 result of the non-English speaking weighting under section 280.4,
13 subsection 3, for the budget year multiplied by the state cost
14 per pupil for the budget year. If a student is an eligible pupil
15 under section 261E.6, the charter school shall pay the tuition
16 reimbursement amount to an eligible postsecondary institution as
17 provided in section 261E.7.

18 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate
19 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

20 Sec. 3. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to school budget
21 years beginning on or after July 1, 2025.

22 EXPLANATION

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

25 Currently, each student enrolled in a charter school under
26 Code chapter 256E shall be counted, for state school foundation
27 purposes, in the student's district of residence. The department
28 of education is then required to pay to the charter school in
29 which the student is enrolled an amount equal to the sum of the
30 regular program state cost per pupil for the budget year plus
31 other additional costs specified in Code section 256E.8(2)(a).
32 This bill adds the teacher salary supplement state cost per pupil
33 to the amount required to be paid to the charter school.

34 The bill takes effect upon enactment and applies to school
35 budget years beginning on or after July 1, 2025.