

House Study Bill 337 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
APPROPRIATIONS BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON MOHR)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to and making appropriations to the education
2 system, including the funding and operation of the department
3 for the blind, department of education, and state board of
4 regents, and including contingent effective date provisions.
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 DIVISION I

2 FY 2025-2026 APPROPRIATIONS — DEPARTMENT FOR THE BLIND

3 Section 1. GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS — ADMINISTRATION.

4 There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the
5 department for the blind for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
6 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the following amount, or so much
7 thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

8 For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous
9 purposes, and for not more than the following full-time
10 equivalent positions:

11	\$	3,236,726
12	FTEs	88.98

13 DIVISION II

14 FY 2025-2026 APPROPRIATIONS — DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

15 Sec. 2. GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS. There is appropriated
16 from the general fund of the state to the department of education
17 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30,
18 2026, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary,
19 to be used for the purposes designated:

20 1. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

21 a. For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous
22 purposes, and for not more than the following full-time
23 equivalent positions:

24	\$	7,073,808
25	FTEs	71.62

26 b. By January 15, 2026, the department shall submit a written
27 report to the general assembly detailing the department's
28 antibullying programming and current and projected expenditures
29 for such programming for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025.

30 2. CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION

31 For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous
32 purposes, and for not more than the following full-time
33 equivalent positions:

34	\$	721,779
35	FTEs	10.80

1 3. PUBLIC BROADCASTING DIVISION

2 For salaries, support, maintenance, capital expenditures, and
3 miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the following
4 full-time equivalent positions:

5 \$ 8,214,440
6 FTEs 57.11

7 4. CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

8 For reimbursement for career and technical education
9 expenditures made by regional career and technical education
10 planning partnerships in accordance with section 256.136:

11 \$ 2,952,459

12 5. SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE

13 For use as state matching moneys for federal programs that
14 shall be disbursed according to federal regulations, including
15 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes, and
16 for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

17 \$ 2,176,797
18 FTEs 26.42

19 6. BIRTH TO AGE THREE SERVICES

20 a. For expansion of the federal Individuals with Disabilities
21 Education Improvement Act of 2004, Pub. L. No. 108-446, as
22 amended to January 1, 2018, birth through age three services due
23 to increased numbers of children qualifying for those services:

24 \$ 1,721,400

25 b. From the moneys appropriated in this subsection, \$383,769
26 shall be allocated to the child health specialty clinics
27 administered by the state university of Iowa in order to provide
28 additional support for infants and toddlers who are born
29 prematurely, drug-exposed, or medically fragile.

30 7. EARLY HEAD START PROJECTS

31 a. For early head start projects:

32 \$ 574,500

33 b. The moneys appropriated in this subsection shall be used
34 for implementation and expansion of early head start pilot
35 projects addressing the comprehensive cognitive, social,

1 emotional, and developmental needs of children from birth to age
 2 three, including prenatal support for qualified families. The
 3 projects shall promote healthy prenatal outcomes and healthy
 4 family functioning, and strengthen the development of infants and
 5 toddlers in low-income families. Priority shall be given to
 6 those organizations that have previously qualified for and
 7 received state funding to administer an early head start project.

8 8. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND TEACHER QUALITY PROGRAM

9 For purposes of the student achievement and teacher quality
 10 program established pursuant to chapter 284, and for not more
 11 than the following full-time equivalent positions:

12	\$	2,990,467
13	FTEs	5.87

14 9. STATEWIDE STUDENT ASSESSMENT

15 a. For distribution to the Iowa testing program by the
 16 department of education on behalf of school districts and
 17 accredited nonpublic schools to offset the costs associated with
 18 a statewide student assessment administered in accordance with
 19 section 256.7, subsection 21, paragraph "b":
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20	\$	3,000,000
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21 b. From the moneys appropriated in this subsection, not more
 22 than \$300,000 shall be distributed to the Iowa testing programs
 23 within the state university of Iowa college of education to
 24 offset the costs of administering the statewide student
 25 assessment at accredited nonpublic schools.

26 10. STATEWIDE CLEARINGHOUSE TO EXPAND WORK-BASED LEARNING

27 For support costs associated with the creation of a statewide
 28 clearinghouse to expand work-based learning as a part of the
 29 future ready Iowa initiative:

30	\$	300,000
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31 11. POSTSECONDARY SUMMER CLASSES FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
 32 PROGRAM

33 For support costs associated with the creation of a program to
 34 provide additional moneys for resident high school pupils
 35 enrolled in grades 9 through 12 to attend a community college for

1 college-level classes or attend a class taught by a community
2 college-employed instructor during the summer and outside of the
3 regular school year through a contractual agreement between a
4 community college and a school district under the future ready
5 Iowa initiative:

6 \$ 600,000

7 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys received by the
8 department pursuant to this subsection that remain unencumbered
9 or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert
10 but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes
11 specified in this subsection until the close of the succeeding
12 fiscal year.

13 12. JOBS FOR AMERICA'S GRADUATES

14 For school districts to reinforce collaborative efforts and
15 regional initiatives that accelerate work-based learning and
16 credential attainment, and to provide direct career education
17 services to identified middle school or high school students
18 enrolled in school districts through direct instruction by a jobs
19 for America's graduates specialist:

20 \$ 10,146,450

21 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys received by the
22 department pursuant to this subsection that remain unencumbered
23 or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert
24 but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes
25 specified in this subsection until the close of the succeeding
26 fiscal year.

27 13. ATTENDANCE CENTER PERFORMANCE/GENERAL INTERNET SITE AND
28 DATA SYSTEM SUPPORT

29 For administration of a process for school districts to
30 establish specific performance goals and to evaluate the
31 performance of each attendance center operated by the district in
32 order to arrive at an overall school performance grade and report
33 card for each attendance center, for internet site and data
34 system support, and for not more than the following full-time
35 equivalent positions:

1 \$ 250,000
 2 FTEs 1.85
 3 14. SUCCESSFUL PROGRESSION FOR EARLY READERS
 4 For distribution to school districts for implementation of
 5 section 279.68, subsection 2, relating to successful progression
 6 for early readers:
 7 \$ 7,824,782
 8 15. EARLY WARNING SYSTEM FOR LITERACY
 9 a. For purposes of purchasing a statewide license for an
 10 early warning assessment and administering the early warning
 11 system for literacy established in accordance with section 279.68
 12 and rules adopted in accordance with section 256.7, subsection
 13 31:
 14 \$ 1,915,000
 15 b. The department shall administer and distribute to school
 16 districts and accredited nonpublic schools the early warning
 17 assessment system that allows teachers to screen and monitor
 18 student literacy skills from prekindergarten through grade six.
 19 The department may charge school districts and accredited
 20 nonpublic schools a fee for the system not to exceed the actual
 21 costs to purchase a statewide license for the early warning
 22 assessment minus the moneys received by the department under this
 23 subsection. The fee shall be determined by dividing the actual
 24 remaining costs to purchase the statewide license for the school
 25 year by the number of pupils assessed under the system in the
 26 current fiscal year. School districts may use moneys received
 27 pursuant to section 257.10, subsection 11, and moneys received
 28 for purposes of implementing section 279.68, subsection 2, to pay
 29 the early warning assessment system fee.
 30 16. IOWA READING RESEARCH CENTER
 31 a. For purposes of the Iowa reading research center in order
 32 to implement, in collaboration with the area education agencies,
 33 the provisions of section 256.9, subsection 49, paragraph "c":
 34 \$ 1,500,000
 35 b. From moneys appropriated in this subsection, not more than

1 \$250,000 shall be used for collaborations with the state board of
 2 education relating to the approval of practitioner preparation
 3 programs pursuant to section 256.7, subsection 3, paragraph "c",
 4 and with the board of educational examiners for the establishment
 5 and continuing oversight of the advanced dyslexia specialist
 6 endorsement pursuant to section 256.146, subsection 21. For the
 7 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the
 8 center shall submit a report to the general assembly detailing
 9 the expenditures of moneys used for purposes of this paragraph
 10 "b".

11 c. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys received by the
 12 department pursuant to this subsection that remain unencumbered
 13 or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert
 14 but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes
 15 specified in this subsection until the close of the succeeding
 16 fiscal year.

17 17. COMPUTER SCIENCE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE FUND
 18 For deposit in the computer science professional development
 19 incentive fund established under section 284.6A:

20 \$ 500,000

21 18. CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH SCHOOL-BASED TRAINING AND
 22 SUPPORT

23 a. For distribution to area education agencies for
 24 school-based children's mental health services, including mental
 25 health awareness training for educators:

26 \$ 3,383,936

27 b. Of the moneys appropriated in this subsection for
 28 distribution to area education agencies, \$200,000 shall be used
 29 for purposes of implementing a children's grief and loss rural
 30 pilot program to serve Iowa children in rural school districts or
 31 accredited nonpublic schools. The pilot program shall be
 32 administered by, and the moneys allocated pursuant to this
 33 paragraph shall be distributed to, an existing statewide
 34 not-for-profit health care organization that currently provides
 35 grief and loss services to children. For the fiscal year

1 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the health care
2 organization receiving moneys pursuant to this paragraph shall
3 prepare a report, in collaboration with the department of
4 education, detailing the expenditures of moneys used for the
5 purposes of this program and its outcomes, which shall be
6 submitted to the general assembly by September 30, 2026.

7 19. BEST BUDDIES IOWA

8 a. For school districts to create opportunities for
9 one-to-one friendships, integrated employment, and leadership
10 development for students with intellectual and developmental
11 disabilities:

12 \$ 35,000

13 b. The department of education shall establish criteria for
14 the distribution of moneys appropriated under this subsection and
15 shall require an organization receiving moneys under this
16 subsection to annually report student identifying data for
17 students participating in the program to the department in the
18 manner prescribed by the department as a condition of receiving
19 such moneys.

20 20. MIDWESTERN HIGHER EDUCATION COMPACT

21 a. For distribution to the midwestern higher education
22 compact to pay Iowa's member state annual obligation:

23 \$ 115,000

24 b. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated pursuant
25 to this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
26 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
27 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the
28 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

29 21. NONPUBLIC SCHOOL CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT PAYMENTS TO
30 COMMUNITY COLLEGES

31 For payments to community colleges for the concurrent
32 enrollment of accredited nonpublic school students under section
33 261E.8, subsection 2, paragraph "b":
34 \$ 1,000,000

35 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys received by the

1 department pursuant to this subsection that remain unencumbered
 2 or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert
 3 but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes
 4 designated until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

5 22. COMMUNITY COLLEGES

6 For general state financial aid to merged areas, as defined in
 7 section 260C.2, in accordance with section 260C.18C:

8 \$243,858,161

9 23. IOWA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

10 For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous
 11 purposes, and for not more than the following full-time
 12 equivalent positions:

13 \$ 11,941,398

14 FTEs 120.00

15 24. IOWA EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY
 16 IMPAIRED PROGRAM

17 For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous
 18 purposes, and for not more than the following full-time
 19 equivalent positions:

20 \$ 5,012,169

21 FTEs 56.00

22 25. SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS (STEM)
 23 COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVE

24 For purposes of the science, technology, engineering, and
 25 mathematics (STEM) collaborative initiative established pursuant
 26 to section 256.111, and for not more than the following full-time
 27 equivalent positions:

28 \$ 6,354,848

29 FTEs 5.00

30 a. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the
 31 moneys appropriated in this subsection shall be expended for
 32 salaries, staffing, institutional support, activities directly
 33 related to recruitment of kindergarten through grade 12
 34 mathematics and science teachers, and for ongoing mathematics and
 35 science programming for students enrolled in kindergarten through

1 grade 12.

2 b. The department shall work with the community colleges to
3 develop STEM professional development programs for community
4 college instructors and STEM curriculum development.

5 c. From the moneys appropriated in this subsection, not less
6 than \$500,000 shall be used to provide technology education
7 opportunities to high school, career academy, and community
8 college students through a public-private partnership, as well as
9 opportunities for students and faculties at these institutions to
10 secure broad-based information technology certification. The
11 partnership shall provide all of the following:

12 (1) A research-based curriculum.

13 (2) Online access to the curriculum.

14 (3) Instructional software for classroom and student use.

15 (4) Certification of skills and competencies in a broad base
16 of information technology-related skill areas.

17 (5) Professional development for teachers.

18 (6) Deployment and program support, including but not limited
19 to integration with current curriculum standards.

20 d. Notwithstanding section 8.33, of the moneys appropriated
21 in this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
22 close of the fiscal year, an amount equivalent to not more than 5
23 percent of the amount appropriated in this subsection shall not
24 revert but shall remain available for expenditure for summer
25 programs for students until the close of the succeeding fiscal
26 year.

27 26. THERAPEUTIC CLASSROOM INCENTIVE FUND

28 For deposit in the therapeutic classroom incentive fund
29 established pursuant to section 256.25:

30 \$ 2,351,382

31 27. ONLINE STATE JOB POSTING SYSTEM

32 For purposes of administering an online state job posting
33 system that allows the department of education, school districts,
34 charter schools, area education agencies, and accredited
35 nonpublic schools to post job openings on an internet site:

1 \$ 265,000

2 28. LEAD-K PROGRAM

3 For purposes of developing guidelines for a comprehensive

4 family support mentoring program that meets the language and

5 communication needs of families pursuant to section 256.106:

6 \$ 200,000

7 29. DIVISION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

8 For general supervision, oversight, compliance, employee

9 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes within

10 the area education agency regions and the department of education

11 main office, and for not more than the following full-time

12 equivalent positions:

13 \$ 5,000,000

14 FTEs 60.00

15 30. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

16 For purposes of providing required professional development to

17 public and nonpublic schools:

18 \$ 2,176,458

19 31. COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION

20 a. Administration

21 For general administration salaries, support, maintenance, and

22 miscellaneous purposes, and for the administration of the future

23 ready Iowa skilled workforce last-dollar scholarship program in

24 accordance with section 256.228, including salaries, support,

25 maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes related to the future

26 ready Iowa skilled workforce last-dollar scholarship program, and

27 for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

28 \$ 591,533

29 FTEs 4.95

30 b. National guard service scholarship program

31 For purposes of providing national guard service scholarships

32 under the program established in section 256.210:

33 \$ 6,600,000

34 c. All Iowa opportunity scholarship program

35 (1) For purposes of the all Iowa opportunity scholarship

1 program established pursuant to section 256.212:
2 \$ 3,229,468
3 (2) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, if the moneys
4 appropriated in this lettered paragraph exceed \$500,000,
5 "eligible institution" as defined in section 256.212 shall,
6 during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, include accredited
7 private institutions as defined in section 256.183.
8 d. Teach Iowa scholar program
9 For purposes of the teach Iowa scholar program established
10 pursuant to section 256.218:
11 \$ 650,000
12 e. Rural veterinarian loan repayment program
13 For purposes of the rural veterinarian loan repayment program
14 established pursuant to section 256.226:
15 \$ 700,000
16 f. Future ready Iowa skilled workforce last-dollar
17 scholarship program
18 For deposit in the future ready Iowa skilled workforce
19 last-dollar scholarship fund established pursuant to section
20 256.228:
21 \$ 23,927,005
22 g. Future ready Iowa skilled workforce grant program
23 For deposit in the future ready Iowa skilled workforce grant
24 fund established pursuant to section 256.229:
25 \$ 425,000
26 h. Iowa workforce grant and incentive program
27 For deposit in the Iowa workforce grant and incentive program
28 fund created in section 256.230:
29 \$ 6,500,000
30 i. Health care professional incentive program
31 For deposit in the health care professional incentive program
32 fund created in section 256.222, if enacted in 2025 Iowa Acts,
33 Senate File 618, 2025 Iowa Acts, House File 972, or any successor
34 legislation:
35 \$ 6,002,350

1 Sec. 3. IOWA SKILLED WORKER AND JOB CREATION FUND

2 APPROPRIATIONS. There is appropriated from the Iowa skilled
3 worker and job creation fund created in section 8.57J to the
4 department of education for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
5 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the following amounts, or so much
6 thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

7 1. For purposes of providing skilled workforce shortage
8 tuition grants in accordance with section 256.227:

9 \$ 5,000,000

10 2. For deposit in the workforce training and economic
11 development funds created pursuant to section 260C.18A:

12 \$ 15,100,000

13 From the moneys appropriated in this subsection, not more than
14 \$100,000 shall be used by the department for administration of
15 the workforce training and economic development funds created
16 pursuant to section 260C.18A.

17 3. For capital projects at community colleges that meet the
18 definition of the term "vertical infrastructure" in section 8.57,
19 subsection 3, paragraph "c":
20 \$ 6,000,000

21 Moneys appropriated in this subsection shall be disbursed
22 pursuant to section 260G.6, subsection 3. Projects that qualify
23 for moneys appropriated in this subsection must include at least
24 one of the following:

25 a. Accelerated career education program capital projects.

26 b. Major renovations and major repair needs, including
27 health, life, and fire safety needs, including compliance with
28 the federal Americans with Disabilities Act.

29 4. For deposit in the pathways for academic career and
30 employment fund established pursuant to section 260H.2:

31 \$ 5,000,000

32 5. For deposit in the gap tuition assistance fund established
33 pursuant to section 260I.2:

34 \$ 2,000,000

35 6. For support costs associated with administering a

1 workforce preparation outcome reporting system for the purpose of
2 collecting and reporting data relating to the educational and
3 employment outcomes of workforce preparation programs receiving
4 moneys pursuant to this section:

5 \$ 200,000

6 7. For STEM best:

7 \$ 700,000

8 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in this
9 section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of
10 the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for
11 expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of the
12 succeeding fiscal year.

13 Sec. 4. CHIROPRACTIC LOAN FUNDS. Notwithstanding section
14 256.204, the moneys deposited in the chiropractic loan revolving
15 fund created pursuant to section 256.204 for the fiscal year
16 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, may be used for
17 purposes of the chiropractic loan forgiveness program established
18 in section 256.205.

19 Sec. 5. PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS. The department of
20 administrative services shall pay the Iowa school for the deaf
21 and the Iowa educational services for the blind and visually
22 impaired program the moneys collected from the counties during
23 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, for expenses relating to
24 prescription drug costs for students attending the Iowa school
25 for the deaf and the Iowa educational services for the blind and
26 visually impaired program.

27 DIVISION III

28 FY 2025-2026 APPROPRIATIONS — STATE BOARD OF REGENTS

29 Sec. 6. GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS. There is appropriated
30 from the general fund of the state to the state board of regents
31 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30,
32 2026, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary,
33 to be used for the purposes designated:

34 1. OFFICE OF STATE BOARD OF REGENTS

35 a. For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous

1 purposes, and for not more than the following full-time
2 equivalent positions:

3 \$ 764,642
4 FTEs 2.48

5 For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June
6 30, 2026, the state board of regents shall submit a quarterly
7 financial report to the general assembly in a format agreed upon
8 by the state board of regents office and the legislative services
9 agency. The report submitted for the quarter ending December 31,
10 2025, shall include the five-year graduation rates for the
11 regents universities.

12 b. For distribution to the western Iowa regents resource
13 center:

14 \$ 268,297

15 c. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending
16 June 30, 2026, the state board of regents and the institutions of
17 higher learning governed by the state board of regents shall not
18 reduce moneys budgeted for the fiscal year for the institutions'
19 police departments.

20 d. For allocation in equal parts by the state board of
21 regents to the state university of Iowa, the Iowa state
22 university of science and technology, and the university of
23 northern Iowa to support the John Pappajohn centers for
24 entrepreneurship:

25 \$ 125,000

26 The moneys appropriated in this lettered paragraph shall be
27 used to supplement, not supplant, any other funding received by
28 the John Pappajohn centers for entrepreneurship.

29 2. STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

30 a. General university

31 For salaries, support, maintenance, equipment, financial aid,
32 and miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the following
33 full-time equivalent positions:

34 \$222,628,136
35 FTEs 5,058.55

1 b. Oakdale campus

2 For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous
3 purposes, and for not more than the following full-time
4 equivalent positions:

5 \$ 2,103,819
6 FTEs 38.25

7 c. State hygienic laboratory

8 For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous
9 purposes, and for not more than the following full-time
10 equivalent positions:

11 \$ 4,822,610
12 FTEs 102.50

13 d. Family practice program

14 For allocation by the dean of the college of medicine, with
15 approval of the advisory board, to qualified participants to
16 carry out the provisions of chapter 148D for the family practice
17 residency education program, including salaries and support, and
18 for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

19 \$ 2,220,598
20 FTEs 2.71

21 e. Child health care services

22 For specialized child health care services, including
23 childhood cancer diagnostic and treatment network programs, rural
24 comprehensive care for hemophilia patients, and the Iowa
25 high-risk infant follow-up program, including salaries and
26 support, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent
27 positions:

28 \$ 634,502
29 FTEs 4.16

30 f. Statewide cancer registry

31 For the statewide cancer registry, and for not more than the
32 following full-time equivalent positions:

33 \$ 143,410
34 FTEs 2.10

35 g. Substance abuse consortium

1 For distribution to the Iowa consortium for substance abuse
 2 research and evaluation, and for not more than the following
 3 full-time equivalent positions:

4	\$	53,427
5	FTEs	.99

6 h. Center for biocatalysis

7 For the center for biocatalysis, and for not more than the
 8 following full-time equivalent positions:

9	\$	696,342
10	FTEs	6.28

11 i. Primary health care initiative

12 For the primary health care initiative in the college of
 13 medicine, and for not more than the following full-time
 14 equivalent positions:

15	\$	624,374
16	FTEs	6.22

17 From the moneys appropriated in this lettered paragraph,
 18 \$254,889 shall be allocated to the department of family practice
 19 at the state university of Iowa college of medicine for family
 20 practice faculty and support staff.

21 j. Birth defects registry

22 For the birth defects registry, and for not more than the
 23 following full-time equivalent positions:

24	\$	36,839
25	FTEs	.38

26 k. Larned A. Waterman Iowa nonprofit resource center

27 For the Larned A. Waterman Iowa nonprofit resource center, and
 28 for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

29	\$	156,389
30	FTEs	2.75

31 l. Iowa online advanced placement academy science,
 32 technology, engineering, and mathematics initiative

33 For the Iowa online advanced placement academy science,
 34 technology, engineering, and mathematics initiative established
 35 pursuant to section 263.8A:

1 \$ 463,616

2 m. Iowa flood center

3 For the Iowa flood center for use by the university's college

4 of engineering pursuant to section 466C.1:

5 \$ 1,205,593

6 n. College of nursing

7 For employing additional instructors in the college of nursing

8 to increase the number of students who graduate from the college

9 of nursing:

10 \$ 2,800,000

11 o. Iowa cancer assessment and intervention plan

12 For purposes of developing an Iowa cancer assessment and

13 intervention plan, under the direction of and on behalf of the

14 department of health and human services, pursuant to an agreement

15 between the state university of Iowa and the department of health

16 and human services:

17 \$ 1,000,000

18 The Iowa cancer assessment and intervention plan must include

19 a thorough analysis of the potential causes of Iowa's high

20 incidence of cancer in order to guide the department of health

21 and human services in developing targeted policies, enhancing

22 prevention and screening programs, raising public awareness, and

23 integrating evidence-based findings into existing initiatives.

24 The state university of Iowa's expenditure of moneys appropriated

25 in this lettered paragraph is contingent upon the state

26 university of Iowa complying with the terms, conditions, and

27 prescribed deliverables in the agreement between the university

28 and the department of health and human services.

29 p. Center for intellectual freedom

30 For purposes of the center for intellectual freedom

31 established pursuant to section 263C.2, if enacted by 2025 Iowa

32 Acts, House File 437:

33 \$ 1,500,000

34 q. Mental health and maternal primary care health programs

35 For purposes of increasing the number of providers of mental

1 health care services in rural areas in this state, including by
 2 developing the health care workforce pipeline and recruiting and
 3 retaining high-quality faculty and staff, increasing the number
 4 of providers of maternal health care services in rural areas in
 5 this state and facilitating the safe and efficient transportation
 6 of pregnant women and newborns to medical facilities, and
 7 providing simulation training to address maternal health care
 8 complications in rural areas in this state:

9 \$ 4,000,000

10 3. IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

11 a. General university

12 For salaries, support, maintenance, equipment, financial aid,
 13 and miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the following
 14 full-time equivalent positions:

15 \$177,656,037

16 FTEs 3,647.42

17 b. Agricultural experiment station

18 For the agricultural experiment station salaries, support,
 19 maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than
 20 the following full-time equivalent positions:

21 \$ 31,462,535

22 FTEs 190.63

23 c. Cooperative extension service in agriculture and home
 24 economics

25 For the cooperative extension service in agriculture and home
 26 economics salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous
 27 purposes, and for not more than the following full-time
 28 equivalent positions:

29 \$ 19,157,366

30 FTEs 240.41

31 d. Preparing Iowa's future ready workforce and fostering
 32 innovation

33 For purposes of addressing the state's workforce needs in the
 34 areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics by
 35 expanding degree and certificate programs in the areas of

1 artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, computer science,
 2 computer engineering, data science, software engineering, and
 3 other high-demand areas related to technology, and fostering
 4 innovation in the areas of digital agriculture, manufacturing,
 5 water quality, vaccine delivery technologies, and biosciences:
 6 \$ 2,800,000
 7 e. Veterinary early acceptance
 8 For purposes of the veterinary early acceptance program:
 9 \$ 1,000,000
 10 4. UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA
 11 a. General university
 12 For salaries, support, maintenance, equipment, financial aid,
 13 and miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the following
 14 full-time equivalent positions:
 15 \$101,408,002
 16 FTEs 1,250.28
 17 b. Real estate education program
 18 For purposes of the real estate education program, and for not
 19 more than the following full-time equivalent positions:
 20 \$ 123,523
 21 FTEs .86
 22 c. Educators for Iowa
 23 For purposes of recruiting additional students to participate
 24 in educational opportunities that lead to teacher licensure:
 25 \$ 1,500,000
 26 d. Center for civic education
 27 For purposes of establishing and operating a center for civic
 28 education that promotes the values of free speech, civic
 29 leadership, public service, and citizenship, and that enhances
 30 civic education among students enrolled in colleges and
 31 universities in this state, students enrolled in prekindergarten
 32 through grade twelve in schools in this state, teachers, and the
 33 public by developing and implementing effective civic learning
 34 strategies, encouraging respectful dialogue, and offering
 35 educational resources related to free speech and civic knowledge:

1 \$ 1,000,000

2 e. In-state tuition for students who reside in contiguous
3 states

4 For purposes of classifying students who reside in contiguous
5 states and who will enroll in the undergraduate program offered
6 by the university of northern Iowa as residents of this state for
7 purposes of undergraduate tuition and mandatory fees:

8 \$ 3,000,000

9 Sec. 7. ENERGY COST-SAVINGS PROJECTS — FINANCING. For the
10 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the
11 state board of regents may use notes, bonds, or other evidences
12 of indebtedness issued under section 262.48 to finance projects
13 that will result in energy cost savings in an amount that will
14 cause the state board to recover the cost of the projects within
15 an average of six years.

16 DIVISION IV

17 STANDING APPROPRIATIONS

18 Sec. 8. AT-RISK CHILDREN. Notwithstanding the standing
19 appropriation in section 279.51 for the fiscal year beginning
20 July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the amount appropriated
21 from the general fund of the state to the department of education
22 for programs for at-risk children under section 279.51 shall not
23 be more than \$10,524,389. The amount of any reduction in this
24 section shall be prorated among the programs specified in section
25 279.51, subsection 1, paragraphs "a", "b", and "c".

26 Sec. 9. WORK-STUDY APPROPRIATION. Notwithstanding section
27 256.209, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending
28 June 30, 2026, the amount appropriated from the general fund of
29 the state to the college student aid commission of the department
30 of education for the work-study program under section 256.209
31 shall be zero.

32 Sec. 10. CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE. The following takes
33 effect July 1, 2025, if the portion of 2025 Iowa Acts, Senate
34 File 445, or any successor legislation, that reduces the standing
35 appropriation in section 279.51, subsection 1, is not enacted:

1 The section of this division of this Act relating to the
2 standing appropriation in section 279.51, subsection 1.

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DIVISION V

4

STATE PROGRAM ALLOCATION

5 Sec. 11. Section 284.13, subsection 1, paragraphs a, b, c, e,
6 f, and g, Code 2025, are amended to read as follows:

7 a. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, ~~2024~~ 2025, and
8 ending June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026, to the department, the amount of five
9 hundred eight thousand two hundred fifty dollars for the issuance
10 of national board certification awards in accordance with section
11 256.44. Of the amount allocated under this paragraph, not less
12 than eighty-five thousand dollars shall be used to administer
13 the ambassador to education position in accordance with section
14 256.45.

15 b. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, ~~2024~~ 2025, and
16 ending June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026, up to seven hundred twenty-eight
17 thousand two hundred sixteen dollars to the department for
18 purposes of implementing the professional development program
19 requirements of section 284.6, assistance in developing model
20 evidence for teacher quality committees established pursuant to
21 section 284.4, subsection 1, paragraph "b", and the evaluator
22 training program in section 284.10. A portion of the funds
23 allocated to the department for purposes of this paragraph may
24 be used by the department for administrative purposes and for not
25 more than four full-time equivalent positions.

26 c. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, ~~2024~~ 2025, and
27 ending June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026, an amount up to one million
28 seventy-seven thousand eight hundred ten dollars to the
29 department for the establishment of teacher development academies
30 in accordance with section 284.6, subsection 10. A portion
31 of the funds allocated to the department for purposes of this
32 paragraph may be used for administrative purposes.

33 e. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, ~~2024~~ 2025, and
34 ending June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026, to the department an amount up to
35 fifty thousand dollars for purposes of the fine arts beginning

1 teacher mentoring program established under section 256.34.

2 *f.* For the fiscal year beginning July 1, ~~2024~~ 2025, and
3 ending June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026, to the department an amount up to six
4 hundred twenty-six thousand one hundred ninety-one dollars shall
5 be used by the department for a delivery system, in collaboration
6 with area education agencies, to assist in implementing the
7 career paths and leadership roles considered pursuant to sections
8 284.15, 284.16, and 284.17, including but not limited to planning
9 grants to school districts and area education agencies, technical
10 assistance for the department, technical assistance for districts
11 and area education agencies, training and staff development,
12 and the contracting of external expertise and services. In
13 using moneys allocated for purposes of this paragraph, the
14 department shall give priority to school districts with certified
15 enrollments of fewer than six hundred students. A portion of
16 the moneys allocated annually to the department for purposes of
17 this paragraph may be used by the department for administrative
18 purposes and for not more than five full-time equivalent
19 positions.

20 *g.* For the fiscal year beginning July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026, and
21 for each subsequent fiscal year, to the department, ten million
22 dollars for purposes of implementing the supplemental assistance
23 for high-need schools provisions of section 284.11. Annually,
24 of the moneys allocated to the department for purposes of this
25 paragraph, up to one hundred thousand dollars may be used by the
26 department for administrative purposes and for not more than one
27 full-time equivalent position.

28 DIVISION VI

29 COURT REPORTER EQUIPMENT GRANT PROGRAM

30 Sec. 12. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION — COURT REPORTER EQUIPMENT
31 GRANT PROGRAM. There is appropriated from the general fund of
32 the state to the department of education for the fiscal year
33 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the following
34 amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the
35 purposes designated:

1 For deposit in the court reporter equipment grant program fund
2 created in section 256.231, as enacted by this division of this
3 Act:

4 \$ 50,000

5 Sec. 13. NEW SECTION. **256.231 Court reporter equipment**
6 **grant program.**

7 1. A court reporter equipment grant program is established to
8 be administered by the college student aid commission. A person
9 is eligible to apply for a grant award under the program if the
10 person is enrolled in a court reporter training program in this
11 state.

12 2. Each applicant for the court reporter equipment grant
13 program shall, in accordance with the rules of the commission,
14 complete and file an application for a grant award. The
15 individual shall be responsible for the prompt submission of any
16 information required by the commission.

17 3. A recipient of a grant under the court reporter equipment
18 grant program must use the moneys awarded by the college student
19 aid commission for the purchase of court reporter equipment and
20 software for the court reporter training program in which the
21 recipient is participating.

22 4. The college student aid commission shall do all of the
23 following:

24 a. Establish the evaluation criteria to be used in evaluating
25 applications submitted under this section. The college student
26 aid commission shall give priority to applicants who are doing
27 court-related work.

28 b. Establish grant application materials, eligibility
29 requirements, award criteria, and award amounts.

30 5. A court reporter equipment grant program fund is created
31 in the state treasury under the control of the college student
32 aid commission. All moneys deposited or paid into the fund
33 are appropriated to the college student aid commission to
34 be used for grants awarded as provided under this section.
35 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys in the fund that remain

1 unencumbered or unobligated at the close of a fiscal year shall
2 not revert but shall remain available for expenditure for the
3 purposes designated. Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection
4 2, interest or earnings on moneys in the fund shall be credited
5 to the fund.

6 6. The college student aid commission shall adopt rules
7 pursuant to chapter 17A to administer this section.

8 Sec. 14. REPEAL. Sections 15.485 and 15.486, Code 2025, are
9 repealed.

10 Sec. 15. COURT REPORTER EQUIPMENT INCENTIVE FUND — TRANSFER
11 TO COURT REPORTER EQUIPMENT GRANT PROGRAM FUND. Unencumbered
12 and unobligated moneys remaining in the court reporter equipment
13 incentive fund established pursuant to section 15.486, Code
14 2025, on the effective date of this division of this Act, are
15 transferred to the court reporter equipment grant program fund
16 created in section 256.231, as enacted by this division of this
17 Act.

18 Sec. 16. CODE EDITOR DIRECTIVE. The Code editor shall
19 designate section 256.231, as enacted by this division of this
20 Act, as a new subpart within chapter 256, subchapter VII, part 4,
21 entitled "court reporter equipment grant program".

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 This bill relates to and makes appropriations to the education
26 system. The bill appropriates moneys for FY 2025-2026 from the
27 general fund of the state and other funds to the department for
28 the blind, department of education, and state board of regents
29 and its institutions. The bill is organized by divisions.

30 DEPARTMENT FOR THE BLIND. The bill appropriates moneys to
31 the department for the blind for its administration.

32 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. The bill appropriates moneys to the
33 department of education for purposes of the department's general
34 administration; career and technical education administration;
35 public broadcasting division; career and technical education

1 reimbursement; school food service; expansion of the federal
2 Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act birth
3 through age three services; early head start projects; the
4 student achievement and teacher quality program; statewide
5 student assessment; statewide clearinghouse to expand work-based
6 learning; postsecondary summer classes for high school students
7 program; jobs for America's graduates specialists; attendance
8 center performance/general internet site and data system support;
9 successful progression for early readers; an early warning system
10 for literacy; the Iowa reading research center; computer science
11 professional development incentive fund; children's mental health
12 school-based training and support; school districts for students
13 with intellectual and developmental disabilities; distribution
14 to the midwestern higher education compact to pay Iowa's member
15 state annual obligation; community colleges; the Iowa school for
16 the deaf and Iowa educational services for the blind and visually
17 impaired program; the science, technology, engineering, and
18 mathematics collaborative initiative; the therapeutic classroom
19 incentive fund; an online state job posting system; the LEAD-K
20 program; division of special education; professional development;
21 and the administration and various programs of the college
22 student aid commission.

23 The bill also appropriates moneys from the Iowa skilled worker
24 and job creation fund to the department of education for various
25 purposes.

26 STATE BOARD OF REGENTS. The bill appropriates moneys to the
27 state board of regents for the board office, universities'
28 general operating budgets, the western Iowa regents resource
29 center, the state university of Iowa, the Iowa state university
30 of science and technology, and the university of northern Iowa.

31 STANDING APPROPRIATIONS. For FY 2025-2026, the bill limits the
32 appropriation associated with the work-study program under Code
33 section 256.209.

34 Additionally, for FY 2025-2026, the bill limits the
35 appropriations associated with programs for at-risk children

1 under Code section 279.51, if the portion of 2025 Iowa Acts,
2 Senate File 445, or any successor legislation, that reduces the
3 standing appropriation in Code section 279.51(1) is not enacted.

4 STATE PROGRAM ALLOCATION. Code section 284.13 establishes how
5 moneys appropriated for purposes of the student achievement
6 and teacher quality program are to be allocated. The bill
7 extends such allocations to FY 2025-2026. The bill provides
8 that beginning in FY 2026-2027, of the moneys appropriated for
9 purposes of the student achievement and teacher quality program,
10 the final priority for the allocation is \$10 million for purposes
11 of implementing the supplemental assistance for high-need schools
12 provisions of Code section 284.11.

13 COURT REPORTER EQUIPMENT GRANT PROGRAM. The bill establishes a
14 court reporter equipment grant program and requires the college
15 student aid commission to administer the program. A person is
16 eligible to apply for a grant award under the grant program if
17 the person is enrolled in a court reporter training program in
18 this state. A recipient of a grant under the grant program
19 must use the moneys awarded by the college student aid commission
20 for the purchase of court reporter equipment and software for
21 the court reporter training program in which the recipient
22 is participating. The bill requires the college student aid
23 commission to adopt rules to administer the grant program.

24 The bill establishes a court reporter equipment grant program
25 fund and appropriates moneys from the general fund of the state
26 to the grant program fund in FY 2025-2026.

27 The bill repeals Code sections 15.485 and 15.486, which
28 established the court reporter equipment grant program and the
29 court reporter equipment incentive fund. The bill transfers
30 moneys to the new fund from the previous fund.