

**Senate File 2482 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE 2482  
BY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3191)

**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.

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

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DIVISION I

FY 2026-2027 APPROPRIATIONS — DEPARTMENT FOR THE BLIND

Section 1. GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS — ADMINISTRATION.

There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department for the blind for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

..... \$ 3,207,190

DIVISION II

FY 2026-2027 APPROPRIATIONS — DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Sec. 2. GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

1. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

..... \$ 7,073,808

2. CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION

For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

..... \$ 721,779

3. PUBLIC BROADCASTING DIVISION

For salaries, support, maintenance, capital expenditures, and miscellaneous purposes:

..... \$ 8,165,236

4. CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

For reimbursement for career and technical education

1 expenditures made by regional career and technical education  
2 planning partnerships in accordance with section 256.136:

3

4 ..... \$ 2,952,459

5 5. SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE

6 a. For use as state matching moneys for federal programs that  
7 shall be disbursed according to federal regulations, including  
8 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

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10 ..... \$ 2,253,055

11 b. From the moneys appropriated in this subsection, \$76,258  
12 shall be allocated to the administrative costs associated with  
13 participation in the federal summer electronic benefit transfer  
14 program.

15 6. BIRTH TO AGE THREE SERVICES

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

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21 ..... \$ 1,721,400

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

27 7. EARLY HEAD START PROJECTS

28 a. For early head start projects:

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30 ..... \$ 574,500

31 b. The moneys appropriated in this subsection shall be used  
32 for implementation and expansion of early head start pilot  
33 projects addressing the comprehensive cognitive, social,  
34 emotional, and developmental needs of children from birth to age  
35 three, including prenatal support for qualified families. The

1 projects shall promote healthy prenatal outcomes and healthy  
2 family functioning, and strengthen the development of infants and  
3 toddlers in low-income families. Priority shall be given to  
4 those organizations that have previously qualified for and  
5 received state funding to administer an early head start project.

6 8. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND TEACHER QUALITY PROGRAM

7 For purposes of the student achievement and teacher quality  
8 program established pursuant to chapter 284:

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10 ..... \$ 2,990,467

11 9. STATEWIDE STUDENT ASSESSMENT

12 a. For distribution to the Iowa testing program by the  
13 department of education on behalf of school districts and  
14 accredited nonpublic schools to offset the costs associated with  
15 a statewide student assessment administered in accordance with  
16 section 256.7, subsection 21, paragraph "b":

17 ..... \$ 3,000,000

18 b. From the moneys appropriated in this subsection, not more  
19 than \$300,000 shall be distributed to the Iowa testing programs  
20 within the state university of Iowa college of education to  
21 offset the costs of administering the statewide student  
22 assessment at accredited nonpublic schools.

23 10. STATEWIDE CLEARINGHOUSE TO EXPAND WORK-BASED LEARNING

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

27 ..... \$ 300,000

28 11. POSTSECONDARY SUMMER CLASSES FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS  
29 PROGRAM

30 For support costs associated with the creation of a program to  
31 provide additional moneys for resident high school pupils  
32 enrolled in grades 9 through 12 to attend a community college for  
33 college-level classes or attend a class taught by a community  
34 college-employed instructor during the summer and outside of the  
35 regular school year through a contractual agreement between a

1 community college and a school district under the future ready  
2 Iowa initiative:

3 ..... \$ 600,000

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

10 12. JOBS FOR AMERICA'S GRADUATES

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

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18 ..... \$ 9,946,450

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

25 13. ATTENDANCE CENTER PERFORMANCE/GENERAL INTERNET SITE AND  
26 DATA SYSTEM SUPPORT

27 For administration of a process for school districts to  
28 establish specific performance goals and to evaluate the  
29 performance of each attendance center operated by the district in  
30 order to arrive at an overall school performance grade and report  
31 card for each attendance center, for internet site and data  
32 system support:

33  
34 ..... \$ 250,000

35 14. SUCCESSFUL PROGRESSION FOR EARLY READERS

1 For distribution to school districts for implementation of  
2 section 279.68, subsection 2, relating to successful progression  
3 for early readers:

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5 ..... \$ 7,824,782

6 15. EARLY WARNING SYSTEM FOR LITERACY

7 a. For purposes of purchasing a statewide license for an  
8 early warning assessment and administering the early warning  
9 system for literacy established in accordance with section 279.68  
10 and rules adopted in accordance with section 256.7, subsection  
11 31:

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13 ..... \$ 1,915,000

14 b. The department shall administer and distribute to school  
15 districts and accredited nonpublic schools the early warning  
16 assessment system that allows teachers to screen and monitor  
17 student literacy skills from prekindergarten through grade six.  
18 The department may charge school districts and accredited  
19 nonpublic schools a fee for the system not to exceed the actual  
20 costs to purchase a statewide license for the early warning  
21 assessment minus the moneys received by the department under this  
22 subsection. The fee shall be determined by dividing the actual  
23 remaining costs to purchase the statewide license for the school  
24 year by the number of pupils assessed under the system in the  
25 current fiscal year. School districts may use moneys received  
26 pursuant to section 257.10, subsection 11, and moneys received  
27 for purposes of implementing section 279.68, subsection 2, to pay  
28 the early warning assessment system fee.

29 16. IOWA READING RESEARCH CENTER

30 a. For purposes of the Iowa reading research center in order  
31 to implement, in collaboration with the area education agencies,  
32 the provisions of section 256.9, subsection 49, paragraph "c":

33

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, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, 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 in section 284.6A:

20  
21 ..... \$ 500,000

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

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

27  
28 ..... \$ 1,899,682

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

1 organization that currently provides grief and loss services to  
2 children. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending  
3 June 30, 2027, the health care organization receiving moneys  
4 pursuant to this paragraph shall prepare a report, in  
5 collaboration with the department of education, detailing the  
6 expenditures of moneys used for the purposes of this program and  
7 its outcomes, which shall be submitted to the general assembly by  
8 September 30, 2027.

9 19. BEST BUDDIES IOWA

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

14  
15 ..... \$ 35,000

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

23 20. MIDWESTERN HIGHER EDUCATION COMPACT

24 For distribution to the midwestern higher education compact to  
25 pay Iowa's member state annual obligation:

26  
27 ..... \$ 118,450

28 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated pursuant to  
29 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the  
30 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain  
31 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the  
32 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

33 21. NONPUBLIC SCHOOL CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT PAYMENTS TO  
34 COMMUNITY COLLEGES

35 For payments to community colleges for the concurrent

1 enrollment of accredited nonpublic school students under section  
2 261E.8, subsection 2, paragraph "b":

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4 ..... \$ 1,000,000

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

10 22. COMMUNITY COLLEGES

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

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14 ..... \$247,008,533

15 23. IOWA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

16 For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous  
17 purposes:

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19 ..... \$ 12,813,313

20 24. IOWA EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY  
21 IMPAIRED PROGRAM

22 For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous  
23 purposes:

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25 ..... \$ 5,112,412

26 25. SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS (STEM)  
27 COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVE

28 For purposes of the science, technology, engineering, and  
29 mathematics (STEM) collaborative initiative established in  
30 section 256.111:

31

32 ..... \$ 6,310,409

33 a. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the  
34 moneys appropriated in this subsection shall be expended for  
35 salaries, staffing, institutional support, activities directly

1 related to recruitment of kindergarten through grade 12  
2 mathematics and science teachers, and for ongoing mathematics and  
3 science programming for students enrolled in kindergarten through  
4 grade 12.

5 b. From the moneys appropriated in this subsection, not less  
6 than \$500,000 shall be used to provide, or support access to, all  
7 of the following:

8 (1) Technology and emerging technology education  
9 opportunities, including but not limited to artificial  
10 intelligence, computer science, data science, and related fields,  
11 to high school students and career academy students.

12 (2) Opportunities for students and instructional staff to  
13 obtain industry-recognized credentials, certifications, or other  
14 validated competencies.

15 (3) Research-based or evidence-informed instructional content  
16 and learning frameworks.

17 (4) Online or hybrid access to instructional content.

18 (5) Instructional software, platforms, tools, or resources  
19 for classroom and student use.

20 (6) Validation, certification, or credentialing of skills and  
21 competencies across a broad range of technology-related and  
22 artificial intelligence-related disciplines.

23 (7) Professional development, training, or capacity-building  
24 opportunities for teachers and instructional staff.

25 (8) Deployment, implementation, and programmatic support,  
26 including but not limited to alignment or integration with  
27 applicable academic standards or workforce needs.

28 c. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys received by the  
29 department pursuant to this subsection that remain unencumbered  
30 or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert  
31 but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes  
32 designated until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

33 26. THERAPEUTIC CLASSROOM INCENTIVE FUND

34 For deposit in the therapeutic classroom incentive fund  
35 established in section 256.25:

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2 ..... \$ 2,351,382

3 27. ONLINE STATE JOB POSTING SYSTEM

4 For purposes of administering an online state job posting

5 system that allows the department of education, school districts,

6 charter schools, area education agencies, and accredited

7 nonpublic schools to post job openings on an internet site:

8

9 ..... \$ 265,000

10 28. LEAD-K PROGRAM

11 For purposes of maintaining and implementing the program

12 established pursuant to section 256.106, including ensuring

13 statewide consistency in guidance and supports related to

14 language and communication outcomes for children who are deaf or

15 hard of hearing:

16

17 ..... \$ 200,000

18 29. DIVISION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

19 For general supervision, oversight, compliance, employee

20 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes within

21 the area education agency regions and the department of education

22 main office:

23

24 ..... \$ 10,000,000

25 30. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

26 For purposes of providing required professional development to

27 public and nonpublic schools:

28

29 ..... \$ 1,676,458

30 31. COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION

31 a. Administration

32 For general administration salaries, support, maintenance, and

33 miscellaneous purposes, and for the administration of the future

34 ready Iowa skilled workforce last-dollar scholarship program in

35 accordance with section 256.228, including salaries, support,

1 maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes related to the future  
2 ready Iowa skilled workforce last-dollar scholarship program:

3

4 ..... \$ 591,533

5 b. National guard service scholarship program

6 For purposes of providing national guard service scholarships  
7 under the program established in section 256.210:

8

9 ..... \$ 6,600,000

10 c. All Iowa opportunity scholarship program

11 (1) For deposit in the all Iowa opportunity scholarship fund  
12 created in section 256.212:

13

14 ..... \$ 3,229,468

15 (2) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, if the moneys  
16 appropriated in this lettered paragraph exceed \$500,000,  
17 "eligible institution" as defined in section 256.212 shall,  
18 during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, include accredited  
19 private institutions as defined in section 256.183.

20 d. Teach Iowa scholar program

21 For deposit in the teach Iowa scholar fund established in  
22 section 256.218:

23

24 ..... \$ 948,715

25 e. Health care professional incentive program

26 For deposit in the health care professional incentive program  
27 fund created in section 256.222:

28

29 ..... \$ 7,985,911

30 f. Rural veterinarian loan repayment program

31 For deposit in the rural veterinary care trust fund created in  
32 section 256.226:

33

34 ..... \$ 700,000

35 g. Future ready Iowa skilled workforce last-dollar

1 scholarship program

2 For deposit in the future ready Iowa skilled workforce  
3 last-dollar scholarship fund created in section 256.228:

4

5 ..... \$ 23,927,005

6 h. Future ready Iowa skilled workforce grant program

7 For deposit in the future ready Iowa skilled workforce grant  
8 fund created in section 256.229:

9

10 ..... \$ 425,000

11 i. Iowa workforce grant and incentive program

12 For deposit in the Iowa workforce grant and incentive program  
13 fund created in section 256.230:

14

15 ..... \$ 6,500,000

16 j. Court reporter equipment grant program

17 For deposit in the court reporter equipment grant program fund  
18 created in section 256.231:

19

20 ..... \$ 50,000

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

22 APPROPRIATIONS. There is appropriated from the Iowa skilled  
23 worker and job creation fund created in section 8.57J to the  
24 department of education for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
25 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following amounts, or so much  
26 thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

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

29

30 ..... \$ 5,000,000

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

33

34 ..... \$ 15,100,000

35 From the moneys appropriated in this subsection, not more than

1 \$100,000 shall be used by the department for administration of  
2 the workforce training and economic development funds created  
3 pursuant to section 260C.18A.

4 3. a. For capital projects at community colleges that meet  
5 the definition of the term "vertical infrastructure" in section  
6 8.57, subsection 3, paragraph "c":  
7

8 ..... \$ 6,000,000

9 b. Moneys appropriated in this subsection shall be disbursed  
10 pursuant to section 260G.6, subsection 3. Projects that qualify  
11 for moneys appropriated in this subsection must include at least  
12 one of the following:

13 (1) Accelerated career education program capital projects.

14 (2) Major renovations and major repair needs, including  
15 health, life, and fire safety needs, including compliance with  
16 the federal Americans with Disabilities Act.

17 4. For deposit in the pathways for academic career and  
18 employment fund created in section 260H.2:  
19

20 ..... \$ 4,800,000

21 5. For deposit in the gap tuition assistance fund established  
22 in section 260I.2:  
23

24 ..... \$ 2,000,000

25 6. For support costs associated with administering a  
26 workforce preparation outcome reporting system for the purpose of  
27 collecting and reporting data relating to the educational and  
28 employment outcomes of workforce preparation programs receiving  
29 moneys pursuant to this section:  
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31 ..... \$ 75,000

32 7. For STEM best:  
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34 ..... \$ 700,000

35 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in this

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

5 Sec. 4. CHIROPRACTIC LOAN FUNDS. Notwithstanding section  
6 256.204, the moneys deposited in the chiropractic loan revolving  
7 fund created in section 256.204 for the fiscal year beginning  
8 July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, may be used for purposes  
9 of the chiropractic loan forgiveness program established in  
10 section 256.205.

11 Sec. 5. PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS. The department of  
12 administrative services shall pay the Iowa school for the deaf  
13 and the Iowa educational services for the blind and visually  
14 impaired program the moneys collected from the counties during  
15 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, for expenses relating to  
16 prescription drug costs for students attending the Iowa school  
17 for the deaf and the Iowa educational services for the blind and  
18 visually impaired program.

19 DIVISION III

20 FY 2026-2027 APPROPRIATIONS — STATE BOARD OF REGENTS

21 Sec. 6. GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS. There is appropriated  
22 from the general fund of the state to the state board of regents  
23 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30,  
24 2027, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary,  
25 to be used for the purposes designated:

26 1. OFFICE OF STATE BOARD OF REGENTS

27 a. For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous  
28 purposes:

29  
30 ..... \$ 764,642

31 For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June  
32 30, 2027, the state board of regents shall submit a quarterly  
33 financial report to the general assembly in a format agreed upon  
34 by the state board of regents office and the legislative services  
35 agency. The report submitted for the quarter ending December 31,

1 2026, must include the five-year graduation rates for the regents  
2 universities.

3 b. For distribution to the western Iowa regents resource  
4 center:

5

6 ..... \$ 268,297

7 c. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending  
8 June 30, 2027, the state board of regents and the institutions of  
9 higher learning governed by the state board of regents shall not  
10 reduce moneys budgeted for the fiscal year for the institutions'  
11 police departments.

12 d. For allocation in equal parts by the state board of  
13 regents to the state university of Iowa, the Iowa state  
14 university of science and technology, and the university of  
15 northern Iowa to support the John Pappajohn centers for  
16 entrepreneurship:

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18 ..... \$ 125,000

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

22 2. STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

23 a. General university

24 For salaries, support, maintenance, equipment, financial aid,  
25 and miscellaneous purposes:

26 ..... \$226,848,800

27 b. Oakdale campus

28 For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous  
29 purposes:

30

31 ..... \$ 2,103,819

32 c. State hygienic laboratory

33 For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous  
34 purposes:

35

1 ..... \$ 4,822,610

2 d. Family practice program

3 For allocation by the dean of the college of medicine, with

4 approval of the advisory board, to qualified participants to

5 carry out the provisions of chapter 148D for the family practice

6 residency education program, including salaries and support:

7

8 ..... \$ 2,220,598

9 e. Child health care services

10 For specialized child health care services, including

11 childhood cancer diagnostic and treatment network programs, rural

12 comprehensive care for hemophilia patients, and the Iowa

13 high-risk infant follow-up program, including salaries and

14 support:

15

16 ..... \$ 634,502

17 f. Statewide cancer registry

18 For the statewide cancer registry:

19

20 ..... \$ 143,410

21 g. Substance abuse consortium

22 For distribution to the Iowa consortium for substance abuse

23 research and evaluation:

24

25 ..... \$ 53,427

26 h. Center for biocatalysis

27 For the center for biocatalysis:

28

29 ..... \$ 696,342

30 i. Primary health care initiative

31 For the primary health care initiative in the college of

32 medicine:

33

34 ..... \$ 624,374

35 From the moneys appropriated in this lettered paragraph,

1 \$254,889 shall be allocated to the department of family practice  
2 at the state university of Iowa college of medicine for family  
3 practice faculty and support staff.

4 j. Birth defects registry

5 For the birth defects registry:

6

7 ..... \$ 36,839

8 k. Larned A. Waterman Iowa nonprofit resource center

9 For the Larned A. Waterman Iowa nonprofit resource center:

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11 ..... \$ 156,389

12 l. Iowa online advanced placement academy science,  
13 technology, engineering, and mathematics initiative

14 For the Iowa online advanced placement academy science,  
15 technology, engineering, and mathematics initiative established  
16 in section 263.8A:

17

18 ..... \$ 463,616

19 m. Iowa flood center

20 For the Iowa flood center for use by the university's college  
21 of engineering pursuant to section 466C.1:

22

23 ..... \$ 1,205,593

24 n. College of nursing

25 For employing additional instructors in the college of nursing  
26 to increase the number of students who graduate from the college  
27 of nursing:

28

29 ..... \$ 2,800,000

30 o. Center for intellectual freedom

31 For purposes of supporting the center for intellectual freedom  
32 established in section 263C.2:

33

34 ..... \$ 1,000,000

35 3. IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1 For salaries, support, maintenance, equipment, financial aid,  
2 and miscellaneous purposes:

3

4 ..... \$232,541,614

5 4. UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA

6 a. General university

7 For salaries, support, maintenance, equipment, financial aid,  
8 and miscellaneous purposes:

9

10 ..... \$103,422,558

11 b. Real estate education program

12 For purposes of the real estate education program:

13

14 ..... \$ 123,523

15 c. Educators for Iowa

16 For purposes of recruiting additional students to participate  
17 in educational opportunities that lead to teacher licensure:

18

19 ..... \$ 1,500,000

20 d. Center for civic education

21 For purposes of establishing and operating a center for civic  
22 education that promotes the values of free speech, civic  
23 leadership, public service, and citizenship, and that enhances  
24 civic education among students enrolled in colleges and  
25 universities in this state, students enrolled in prekindergarten  
26 through grade twelve in schools in this state, teachers, and the  
27 public by developing and implementing effective civic learning  
28 strategies, encouraging respectful dialogue, and offering  
29 educational resources related to free speech and civic knowledge:

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31 ..... \$ 1,000,000

32 Sec. 7. ENERGY COST-SAVINGS PROJECTS — FINANCING. For the  
33 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the  
34 state board of regents may use notes, bonds, or other evidences  
35 of indebtedness issued under section 262.48 to finance projects

1 that will result in energy cost savings in an amount that will  
2 cause the state board to recover the cost of the projects within  
3 an average of six years.

4 DIVISION IV

5 STANDING APPROPRIATIONS

6 Sec. 8. AT-RISK CHILDREN. Notwithstanding the standing  
7 appropriation in section 279.51 for the fiscal year beginning  
8 July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the amount appropriated  
9 from the general fund of the state to the department of education  
10 for programs for at-risk children under section 279.51 shall not  
11 be more than \$10,524,389. The amount of any reduction in this  
12 section shall be prorated among the programs specified in section  
13 279.51, subsection 1, paragraphs "a", "b", and "c".

14 Sec. 9. WORK-STUDY APPROPRIATION. Notwithstanding section  
15 256.209, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending  
16 June 30, 2027, the amount appropriated from the general fund of  
17 the state to the college student aid commission of the department  
18 of education for the work-study program under section 256.209  
19 shall be zero.

20 Sec. 10. Section 256.194, subsections 1 and 2, Code 2026, are  
21 amended to read as follows:

22 1. For each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1,  
23 2025, there is appropriated from the general fund of the  
24 state to the commission for deposit in the Iowa tuition grants  
25 fund established in section 256.189, subsection 3, the sum of  
26 ~~fifty-three million seven hundred sixty-one thousand two hundred~~  
27 ~~ten~~ fifty-four million five hundred sixty-seven thousand six  
28 hundred twenty-eight dollars.

29 2. For each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2025,  
30 there is appropriated from the general fund of the state to  
31 the commission for deposit in the Iowa tuition grants for-profit  
32 institutions fund established in section 256.191, subsection 8,  
33 the sum of ~~one hundred twelve thousand nine hundred fourteen~~ one  
34 hundred fourteen thousand six hundred eight dollars.

35 DIVISION V

1 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION — REPORTING REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO  
2 ANTIBULLYING PROGRAMMING

3 Sec. 11. Section 279.51A, subsection 5, Code 2026, is amended  
4 to read as follows:

5 5. a. Each school district shall report to the department of  
6 education, in a manner prescribed by the department, an annual  
7 count of all incidents of violence that result in injury or  
8 property damage or assault by a student in a school building,  
9 on school grounds, or at a school-sponsored function, and any  
10 time a student is referred for the use of or transfer to  
11 a therapeutic classroom. The report shall include but not  
12 be limited to demographic information on students reported as  
13 victims and reported as perpetrators of incidents of violence  
14 that result in injury or property damage or assault, including  
15 but not limited to disaggregated information on race, gender,  
16 national origin, age, grade level, and disability, along with  
17 any other data required for the department to implement the  
18 federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by  
19 the federal Every Student Succeeds Act, Pub. L. No. 114-95, with  
20 appropriate safeguards to ensure student privacy. The department  
21 shall compile the reports.

22 b. ~~The department shall compile and summarize the reports,~~  
23 ~~categorized by behavior, and shall submit the summary~~ an annual  
24 report to the general assembly by on or before November 1  
25 annually each year that contains all of the following:

26 (1) A summary of the annual reports compiled pursuant to  
27 paragraph "a".

28 (2) A description of the department's antibullying  
29 programming and current and projected expenditures for the  
30 antibullying programming for the immediately preceding fiscal  
31 year.

32 c. A teacher or administrator who submits a report in  
33 accordance with this section and who meets the requirements of  
34 section 280.27 or section 613.21 shall be immune from civil  
35 or criminal liability relating to such action, as well as

1 for participating in any administrative or judicial proceeding  
2 resulting from or relating to the report pursuant to the  
3 provisions of sections 280.27 and 613.21. The provisions of  
4 section 70A.29 shall apply to a teacher or administrator who  
5 submits a report in accordance with this section or who reports  
6 an incident of violence or assault to a local law enforcement  
7 agency in good faith and without fraudulent intent or the intent  
8 to deceive. Personal information regarding a student in a report  
9 submitted pursuant to this section shall be kept confidential  
10 as required under the federal Family Educational Rights and  
11 Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. §1232g, and in the same manner as personal  
12 information in student records maintained, created, collected,  
13 or assembled by or for a school corporation or educational  
14 institution in accordance with section 22.7, subsection 1.

15 DIVISION VI

16 BOARD OF EDUCATIONAL EXAMINERS — FEES

17 Sec. 12. Section 256.155, subsections 2 and 3, Code 2026, are  
18 amended to read as follows:

19 2. Licensing fees are payable to the treasurer of state and  
20 shall be deposited with the executive director of the board. ~~The~~  
21 ~~executive director shall deposit twenty-five percent of the fees~~  
22 ~~collected annually with the treasurer of state and the fees shall~~  
23 ~~be credited to the general fund of the state. The remaining~~  
24 ~~licensing fees~~ Licensing fees collected during the fiscal year  
25 shall be retained by and are appropriated to the board for the  
26 purposes related to the board's duties. Notwithstanding section  
27 8.33, licensing fees retained by and appropriated to the board  
28 pursuant to this section that remain unencumbered or unobligated  
29 at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain  
30 available for expenditure for the activities of the board as  
31 provided in this part until the close of the succeeding fiscal  
32 year.

33 3. The executive director shall keep an accurate and detailed  
34 account of fees received, including ~~fees paid to the treasurer of~~  
35 ~~state and fees retained by the board.~~

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EXPLANATION

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

This bill relates to and makes appropriations to the education system. The bill appropriates moneys for FY 2026-2027 from the general fund of the state and other funds to the department for the blind, department of education, and state board of regents and its institutions. The bill is organized by divisions.

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

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. The bill appropriates moneys to the department of education for purposes of the department's general administration and for purposes of supporting the department's various entities, programs, funds, and duties, including but not limited to the public broadcasting division, community colleges, the Iowa school for the deaf and Iowa educational services for the blind and visually impaired program, the division of special education, and the college student aid commission.

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

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

STANDING APPROPRIATIONS. For FY 2026-2027, the bill limits the appropriation associated with programs for at-risk children under Code section 279.51 and eliminates the appropriation associated with the work-study program under Code section 256.209. The bill increases the standing appropriation for tuition grants for qualified students enrolled in accredited private institutions under Code section 256.194(1) or eligible institutions under Code section 256.194(2).

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION — REPORTING REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO

1 ANTIBULLYING PROGRAMMING. The bill requires the department of  
2 education to submit an annual report to the general assembly  
3 that contains, in part, information related to the department's  
4 antibullying programming.

5 BOARD OF EDUCATIONAL EXAMINERS — FEES. Current law requires  
6 the executive director of the board of educational examiners  
7 (BOEE) to deposit 25 percent of the licensing fees collected  
8 annually with the treasurer of state, and such fees are to be  
9 credited to the general fund of the state. The bill strikes  
10 this provision. The bill provides that licensing fees collected  
11 during the fiscal year are required to be retained by, and are  
12 appropriated to, the BOEE for the purposes related to the BOEE's  
13 duties. The bill makes conforming changes.

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