

**Senate Study Bill 1076 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
EDUCATION BILL BY CHAIRPERSON  
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**A BILL FOR**

- 1 An Act relating to incentives for whole grade sharing and school
- 2 district reorganization or dissolution.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 257.3, subsection 2, paragraph d, Code  
2 2025, is amended to read as follows:

3 d. For purposes of this section, a reorganized school  
4 district is one which absorbs at least thirty percent of the  
5 enrollment of the school district affected by a reorganization or  
6 dissolved during a dissolution and in which action to bring about  
7 a reorganization or dissolution is initiated by a vote of the  
8 board of directors or jointly by the affected boards of directors  
9 to take effect on or after July 1, 2007, and on or before July 1,  
10 2024 2030. Each district which initiated, by a vote of the board  
11 of directors or jointly by the affected boards, action to bring  
12 about a reorganization or dissolution to take effect on or after  
13 July 1, 2007, and on or before July 1, 2024 2030, shall certify  
14 the date and the nature of the action taken to the department of  
15 education by January 1 of the year in which the reorganization or  
16 dissolution takes effect.

17 Sec. 2. Section 257.11, subsection 2, paragraph c, Code 2025,  
18 is amended to read as follows:

19 c. Pupils attending class for all or a substantial portion of  
20 a school day pursuant to a whole grade sharing agreement executed  
21 under sections 282.10 through 282.12 shall be eligible for  
22 supplementary weighting pursuant to this subsection. A school  
23 district which executes a whole grade sharing agreement and which  
24 adopts a resolution jointly with other affected boards to study  
25 the question of undergoing a reorganization or dissolution to  
26 take effect on or before July 1, 2024 2030, shall receive a  
27 weighting of one-tenth of the percentage of the pupil's school  
28 day during which the pupil attends classes in another district,  
29 attends classes taught by a teacher who is jointly employed  
30 under section 280.15, or attends classes taught by a teacher who  
31 is employed by another school district. A district shall be  
32 eligible for supplementary weighting pursuant to this paragraph  
33 for a maximum of three years. Receipt of supplementary weighting  
34 for a second and third year shall be conditioned upon submission  
35 of information resulting from the study to the school budget

1 review committee indicating progress toward the objective of  
2 reorganization on or before July 1, ~~2024~~ 2030.

3 Sec. 3. Section 257.11A, subsections 1 and 2, Code 2025, are  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 1. In determining weighted enrollment under section 257.6,  
6 if the board of directors of a school district has approved a  
7 contract for sharing pursuant to section 257.11 and the school  
8 district has approved an action to bring about a reorganization  
9 to take effect on and after July 1, 2007, and on or before  
10 July 1, ~~2024~~ 2030, the reorganized school district shall include,  
11 for a period of three years following the effective date of  
12 the reorganization, additional pupils added by the application  
13 of the supplementary weighting plan, equal to the pupils added  
14 by the application of the supplementary weighting plan in the  
15 year preceding the reorganization. For the purposes of this  
16 subsection, the weighted enrollment for the period of three years  
17 following the effective date of reorganization shall include the  
18 supplementary weighting in the base year used for determining the  
19 combined district cost for the first year of the reorganization.  
20 However, the weighting shall be reduced by the supplementary  
21 weighting added for a pupil whose residency is not within the  
22 reorganized district.

23 2. For purposes of this section, a reorganized district is  
24 one in which the reorganization was approved in an election  
25 pursuant to sections 275.18 and 275.20 and takes effect on or  
26 after July 1, 2007, and on or before July 1, ~~2024~~ 2030. Each  
27 district which initiates, by a vote of the board of directors  
28 or jointly by the affected boards, action to bring about a  
29 reorganization or dissolution to take effect on or after July  
30 1, 2007, and on or before July 1, ~~2024~~ 2030, shall certify the  
31 date and the nature of the action taken to the department of  
32 education by January 1 of the year in which the reorganization  
33 or dissolution takes effect.

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**EXPLANATION**

The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with

1                   the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

2       This bill extends certain incentives for whole grade sharing  
3 by school districts and for school district reorganization or  
4 dissolution from July 1, 2024, to July 1, 2030.

5       The bill provides for a reduced uniform levy as an incentive  
6 for school districts that reorganize on or before July 1, 2030.

7       School districts that execute a whole grade sharing agreement  
8 and adopt a resolution to study the effect of undergoing a  
9 reorganization or dissolution to take effect on or before July  
10 1, 2030, are allowed to receive a weighting of one-tenth of the  
11 percentage of a student's school day during which the student  
12 attends classes in another district, is taught by a teacher  
13 jointly employed, or attends classes taught by a teacher employed  
14 by another district. This supplementary weighting is available  
15 for not more than three years. However, a school district  
16 that reorganizes before July 1, 2030, is eligible, for up to  
17 three years following reorganization, to continue to receive  
18 supplementary weighting in an amount that is equal to the funding  
19 that the district received in the year preceding the effective  
20 date of its reorganization.

21       The bill does not affect the combined maximum total six-year  
22 limitation on a school district's eligibility for supplementary  
23 weighting.