

**Senate Study Bill 1211 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE \_\_\_\_\_

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON WAYS  
AND MEANS BILL BY CHAIRPERSON  
DAWSON)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act modifying supplemental aid and modified supplemental  
2 amounts for certain school districts relating to open  
3 enrollment, and including effective date and applicability  
4 provisions.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 257.31, subsection 5, paragraph o, Code  
2 2025, is amended by striking the paragraph and inserting in lieu  
3 thereof the following:

4 o. (1) The percentage of students enrolled in the school  
5 district as the result of open enrollment under section 282.18 is  
6 equal to or greater than thirty-five percent of the total number  
7 of students enrolled in the school district. The committee shall  
8 not approve supplemental aid or a modified supplemental amount  
9 that exceeds an amount equal to fifty percent of the product of  
10 the net increase in the school district's enrollment due to open  
11 enrollment multiplied by the sum of the following amounts:

12 (a) The difference between the district's regular program  
13 district cost per pupil minus the regular program state cost per  
14 pupil.

15 (b) The teacher salary supplement district cost per pupil.

16 (c) The professional development supplement district cost per  
17 pupil.

18 (d) The early intervention supplement district cost per  
19 pupil.

20 (2) Prior to filing a request for supplemental aid or a  
21 modified supplemental amount based on the grounds specified in  
22 this paragraph, the board of directors shall hold a public  
23 hearing on the issue and shall publish the notice of the time  
24 and place of the public hearing. Notice of the time and place of  
25 the public hearing shall be published not less than ten nor more  
26 than twenty days before the public hearing in a newspaper that is  
27 a newspaper of general circulation in the school district.

28 (3) A school district is not eligible for supplemental aid or  
29 a modified supplemental amount under this paragraph if a majority  
30 of the students enrolled in the school district as the result of  
31 open enrollment are students receiving online instruction from a  
32 private provider under section 256.43, subsection 2.

33 Sec. 2. REPEAL. 2024 Iowa Acts, chapter 1152, section 45, is  
34 repealed.

35 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate

1 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

2 Sec. 4. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies July 1, 2025, for  
3 school budget years beginning on or after that date.

4 EXPLANATION

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

7 Code section 257.31(5) establishes circumstances under which  
8 the school budget review committee (committee) may grant  
9 supplemental aid or a modified supplemental amount to a district.  
10 This bill strikes the current provisions for school districts  
11 with high open enrollment into the district and inserts new  
12 provisions to qualify for supplemental aid or a modified  
13 supplemental amount.

14 Under the bill, if the percentage of students enrolled  
15 in the school district as the result of open enrollment is  
16 equal to or greater than 35 percent of the total number of  
17 students enrolled in the school district, such circumstance  
18 is an unusual circumstance. However, the bill excludes a  
19 district if a majority of the students enrolled as the result  
20 of open enrollment are students receiving online instruction  
21 from a private provider under Code section 256.43(2). Prior  
22 to filing a request with the school budget review committee,  
23 the school district must first hold a public hearing on the  
24 issue. The committee shall not approve supplemental aid or a  
25 modified supplemental amount that exceeds an amount equal to  
26 50 percent of the product of the net increase in the school  
27 district's enrollment due to open enrollment multiplied by the  
28 sum of the following amounts: (1) the difference between  
29 the district's regular program district cost per pupil minus  
30 the regular program state cost per pupil; (2) the teacher  
31 salary supplement district cost per pupil; (3) the professional  
32 development supplement district cost per pupil; and (4) the early  
33 intervention supplement district cost per pupil.

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

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1 The bill also repeals 2024 Iowa Acts, chapter 1152, section  
2 45, which limited school district property tax levies for the  
3 budget year beginning July 1, 2025, if the school district  
4 received a modified supplemental amount under Code section  
5 257.31(5) for the budget year beginning July 1, 2024.

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