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BY (PROPOSED GOVERNOR BUDGET  
BILL)

**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 2025-2026 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, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

..... \$ 3,236,726

DIVISION II

FY 2025-2026 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, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

1. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

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

..... \$ 7,293,356

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

2. CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION

For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

..... \$ 733,066

3. PUBLIC BROADCASTING DIVISION

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

..... \$ 8,214,440

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

4 5. SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE

5 For use as state matching moneys for federal programs that  
6 shall be disbursed according to federal regulations, including  
7 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:  
8 ..... \$ 2,176,797

9 6. BIRTH TO AGE THREE SERVICES

10 a. For expansion of the federal Individuals with Disabilities  
11 Education Improvement Act of 2004, Pub. L. No. 108-446, as  
12 amended to January 1, 2018, birth through age three services due  
13 to increased numbers of children qualifying for those services:  
14 ..... \$ 1,721,400

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

20 7. EARLY HEAD START PROJECTS

21 a. For early head start projects:  
22 ..... \$ 574,500

23 b. The moneys appropriated in this subsection shall be used  
24 for implementation and expansion of early head start pilot  
25 projects addressing the comprehensive cognitive, social,  
26 emotional, and developmental needs of children from birth to age  
27 three, including prenatal support for qualified families. The  
28 projects shall promote healthy prenatal outcomes and healthy  
29 family functioning, and strengthen the development of infants and  
30 toddlers in low-income families. Priority shall be given to  
31 those organizations that have previously qualified for and  
32 received state funding to administer an early head start project.

33 8. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND TEACHER QUALITY PROGRAM

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

1 ..... \$ 3,002,350

2 9. STATEWIDE STUDENT ASSESSMENT

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

8 ..... \$ 3,000,000

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

14 10. STATEWIDE CLEARINGHOUSE TO EXPAND WORK-BASED LEARNING

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

18 ..... \$ 300,000

19 11. POSTSECONDARY SUMMER CLASSES FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS  
20 PROGRAM

21 For support costs associated with the creation of a program to  
22 provide additional moneys for resident high school pupils  
23 enrolled in grades 9 through 12 to attend a community college for  
24 college-level classes or attend a class taught by a community  
25 college-employed instructor during the summer and outside of the  
26 regular school year through a contractual agreement between a  
27 community college and a school district under the future ready  
28 Iowa initiative:

29 ..... \$ 600,000

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

1 12. JOBS FOR AMERICA'S GRADUATES

2 For school districts to reinforce combined efforts and  
3 regional initiatives that accelerate para-educator and teacher  
4 credential attainment and to provide direct services to the most  
5 at-risk middle school or high school students enrolled in school  
6 districts through direct intervention by a jobs for America's  
7 graduates specialist:

8 ..... \$ 9,646,450

9 13. ATTENDANCE CENTER PERFORMANCE/GENERAL INTERNET SITE AND  
10 DATA SYSTEM SUPPORT

11 For administration of a process for school districts to  
12 establish specific performance goals and to evaluate the  
13 performance of each attendance center operated by the district in  
14 order to arrive at an overall school performance grade and report  
15 card for each attendance center, for internet site and data  
16 system support:

17 ..... \$ 254,727

18 14. SUCCESSFUL PROGRESSION FOR EARLY READERS

19 For distribution to school districts for implementation of  
20 section 279.68, subsection 2, relating to successful progression  
21 for early readers:

22 ..... \$ 7,824,782

23 15. EARLY WARNING SYSTEM FOR LITERACY

24 a. For purposes of purchasing a statewide license for an  
25 early warning assessment and administering the early warning  
26 system for literacy established in accordance with section 279.68  
27 and rules adopted in accordance with section 256.7, subsection  
28 31:

29 ..... \$ 1,915,000

30 b. The department shall administer and distribute to school  
31 districts and accredited nonpublic schools the early warning  
32 assessment system that allows teachers to screen and monitor  
33 student literacy skills from prekindergarten through grade six.  
34 The department may charge school districts and accredited  
35 nonpublic schools a fee for the system not to exceed the actual

1 costs to purchase a statewide license for the early warning  
2 assessment minus the moneys received by the department under this  
3 subsection. The fee shall be determined by dividing the actual  
4 remaining costs to purchase the statewide license for the school  
5 year by the number of pupils assessed under the system in the  
6 current fiscal year. School districts may use moneys received  
7 pursuant to section 257.10, subsection 11, and moneys received  
8 for purposes of implementing section 279.68, subsection 2, to pay  
9 the early warning assessment system fee.

10 16. IOWA READING RESEARCH CENTER

11 a. For purposes of the Iowa reading research center in order  
12 to implement, in collaboration with the area education agencies,  
13 the provisions of section 256.9, subsection 49, paragraph "c":  
14 ..... \$ 1,500,000

15 b. From moneys appropriated in this subsection, not more than  
16 \$250,000 shall be used for collaborations with the state board of  
17 education relating to the approval of practitioner preparation  
18 programs pursuant to section 256.7, subsection 3, paragraph "c",  
19 and with the board of educational examiners for the establishment  
20 and continuing oversight of the advanced dyslexia specialist  
21 endorsement pursuant to section 256.146, subsection 21. For the  
22 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the  
23 center shall submit a report to the general assembly detailing  
24 the expenditures of moneys used for purposes of this paragraph  
25 "b".

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

32 17. COMPUTER SCIENCE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE FUND

33 For deposit in the computer science professional development  
34 incentive fund established under section 284.6A:  
35 ..... \$ 500,000

1 18. CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH SCHOOL-BASED TRAINING AND  
2 SUPPORT

3 a. For distribution to area education agencies for  
4 school-based children's mental health services, including mental  
5 health awareness training for educators:  
6 ..... \$ 3,383,936

7 b. Of the moneys appropriated in this subsection for  
8 distribution to area education agencies, \$200,000 shall be used  
9 for purposes of implementing a children's grief and loss rural  
10 pilot program to serve Iowa children in rural school districts or  
11 accredited nonpublic schools. The pilot program shall be  
12 administered by, and the moneys allocated pursuant to this  
13 paragraph shall be distributed to, an existing statewide  
14 not-for-profit health care organization that currently provides  
15 grief and loss services to children. For the fiscal year  
16 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the health care  
17 organization receiving moneys pursuant to this paragraph shall  
18 prepare a report, in collaboration with the department of  
19 education, detailing the expenditures of moneys used for the  
20 purposes of this program and its outcomes, which shall be  
21 submitted to the general assembly by September 30, 2026.

22 19. BEST BUDDIES IOWA

23 a. For school districts to create opportunities for  
24 one-to-one friendships, integrated employment, and leadership  
25 development for students with intellectual and developmental  
26 disabilities:  
27 ..... \$ 35,000

28 b. The department of education shall establish criteria for  
29 the distribution of moneys appropriated under this subsection and  
30 shall require an organization receiving moneys under this  
31 subsection to annually report student identifying data for  
32 students participating in the program to the department in the  
33 manner prescribed by the department as a condition of receiving  
34 such moneys.

35 20. MIDWESTERN HIGHER EDUCATION COMPACT

1 a. For distribution to the midwestern higher education  
2 compact to pay Iowa's member state annual obligation:  
3 ..... \$ 115,000

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

9 21. NONPUBLIC SCHOOL CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT PAYMENTS TO  
10 COMMUNITY COLLEGES

11 For payments to community colleges for the concurrent  
12 enrollment of accredited nonpublic school students under section  
13 261E.8, subsection 2, paragraph "b":  
14 ..... \$ 1,000,000

15 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys received by the  
16 department pursuant to this subsection that remain unencumbered  
17 or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert  
18 but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes  
19 designated until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

20 22. COMMUNITY COLLEGES

21 For general state financial aid to merged areas, as defined in  
22 section 260C.2, in accordance with section 260C.18C:  
23 ..... \$240,575,324

24 23. IOWA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

25 For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous  
26 purposes:  
27 ..... \$ 12,197,979

28 24. IOWA EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY  
29 IMPAIRED PROGRAM

30 For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous  
31 purposes:  
32 ..... \$ 5,096,053

33 25. SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS (STEM)  
34 COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVE

35 For purposes of the science, technology, engineering, and

1 mathematics (STEM) collaborative initiative established pursuant  
2 to section 256.111:

3 ..... \$ 6,365,030

4 a. The moneys appropriated in this subsection shall be  
5 expended for salaries, staffing, institutional support,  
6 activities directly related to recruitment of kindergarten  
7 through grade 12 mathematics and science teachers, and for  
8 ongoing mathematics and science programming for students enrolled  
9 in kindergarten through grade 12.

10 b. Notwithstanding section 8.33, of the moneys appropriated  
11 in this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the  
12 close of the fiscal year, an amount equivalent to not more than 5  
13 percent of the amount appropriated in this subsection shall not  
14 revert but shall remain available for expenditure for summer  
15 programs for students until the close of the succeeding fiscal  
16 year.

17 26. THERAPEUTIC CLASSROOM INCENTIVE FUND

18 For deposit in the therapeutic classroom incentive fund  
19 established pursuant to section 256.25:

20 ..... \$ 2,351,382

21 27. ONLINE STATE JOB POSTING SYSTEM

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

26 ..... \$ 265,000

27 28. LEAD-K PROGRAM

28 For purposes of developing guidelines for a comprehensive  
29 family support mentoring program that meets the language and  
30 communication needs of families pursuant to section 256.106:

31 ..... \$ 200,000

32 29. DIVISION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

33 For general supervision, oversight, compliance, employee  
34 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes within  
35 the area education agency regions and the department of education

1 main office:

2 ..... \$ 10,000,000

3 30. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

4 For purposes of providing required professional development to  
5 public and nonpublic schools:

6 ..... \$ 2,176,458

7 31. COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION

8 a. Administration

9 For general administration salaries, support, maintenance, and  
10 miscellaneous purposes, and for the administration of the future  
11 ready Iowa skilled workforce last-dollar scholarship program in  
12 accordance with section 256.228, including salaries, support,  
13 maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes related to the future  
14 ready Iowa skilled workforce last-dollar scholarship program:

15 ..... \$ 602,199

16 Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection 2, not more than  
17 \$600,000 in total interest or earnings on moneys appropriated  
18 from the general fund of the state to the department of education  
19 for purposes of a scholarship or grant program described in  
20 chapter 256, subchapter VII, part 4, for the fiscal year shall  
21 remain available for expenditure by the college student aid  
22 commission for purposes of administering any scholarship or grant  
23 program described in chapter 256, subchapter VII, part 4.

24 b. National guard service scholarship program

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

27 ..... \$ 6,600,000

28 c. All Iowa opportunity scholarship program

29 (1) For purposes of the all Iowa opportunity scholarship  
30 program established pursuant to section 256.212:

31 ..... \$ 3,229,468

32 (2) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, if the moneys  
33 appropriated in this lettered paragraph exceed \$500,000,  
34 "eligible institution" as defined in section 256.212 shall,  
35 during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, include accredited

1 private institutions as defined in section 256.183.

2 d. Teach Iowa scholar program

3 For purposes of the teach Iowa scholar program established  
4 pursuant to section 256.218:

5 ..... \$ 650,000

6 e. Rural veterinarian loan repayment program

7 For purposes of the rural veterinarian loan repayment program  
8 established pursuant to section 256.226:

9 ..... \$ 700,000

10 f. Future ready Iowa skilled workforce last-dollar  
11 scholarship program

12 For deposit in the future ready Iowa skilled workforce  
13 last-dollar scholarship fund established pursuant to section  
14 256.228:

15 ..... \$ 23,927,005

16 g. Future ready Iowa skilled workforce grant program

17 For deposit in the future ready Iowa skilled workforce grant  
18 fund established pursuant to section 256.229:

19 ..... \$ 425,000

20 h. Iowa workforce grant and incentive program

21 For deposit in the Iowa workforce grant and incentive program  
22 fund created in section 256.230:

23 ..... \$ 6,500,000

24 i. Health care professional incentive program

25 For deposit in the health care professional incentive program  
26 fund created in section 256.222, if enacted in 2025 Iowa Acts,  
27 Senate Study Bill 1163, 2025 Iowa Acts, House Study Bill 191, or  
28 any successor legislation:

29 ..... \$ 10,000,000

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

31 APPROPRIATIONS. There is appropriated from the Iowa skilled  
32 worker and job creation fund created in section 8.57J to the  
33 department of education for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
34 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the following amounts, or so much  
35 thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

- 1     1. For purposes of providing skilled workforce shortage  
2 tuition grants in accordance with section 256.227:  
3 ..... \$ 5,000,000
- 4     2. For deposit in the workforce training and economic  
5 development funds created pursuant to section 260C.18A:  
6 ..... \$ 15,100,000
- 7     From the moneys appropriated in this subsection, not more than  
8 \$100,000 shall be used by the department for administration of  
9 the workforce training and economic development funds created  
10 pursuant to section 260C.18A.
- 11    3. For capital projects at community colleges that meet the  
12 definition of the term "vertical infrastructure" in section 8.57,  
13 subsection 3, paragraph "c":  
14 ..... \$ 6,000,000
- 15     Moneys appropriated in this subsection shall be disbursed  
16 pursuant to section 260G.6, subsection 3. Projects that qualify  
17 for moneys appropriated in this subsection must include at least  
18 one of the following:
- 19     a. Accelerated career education program capital projects.  
20     b. Major renovations and major repair needs, including  
21 health, life, and fire safety needs, including compliance with  
22 the federal Americans with Disabilities Act.
- 23    4. For deposit in the pathways for academic career and  
24 employment fund established pursuant to section 260H.2:  
25 ..... \$ 4,800,000
- 26    5. For deposit in the gap tuition assistance fund established  
27 pursuant to section 260I.2:  
28 ..... \$ 2,000,000
- 29    6. For support costs associated with administering a  
30 workforce preparation outcome reporting system for the purpose of  
31 collecting and reporting data relating to the educational and  
32 employment outcomes of workforce preparation programs receiving  
33 moneys pursuant to this section:  
34 ..... \$ 75,000
- 35    7. For STEM best:

1 ..... \$ 700,000

2 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in this  
3 section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of  
4 the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for  
5 expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of the  
6 succeeding fiscal year.

7 Sec. 4. CHIROPRACTIC LOAN FUNDS. Notwithstanding section  
8 256.204, the moneys deposited in the chiropractic loan revolving  
9 fund created pursuant to section 256.204 for the fiscal year  
10 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, may be used for  
11 purposes of the chiropractic loan forgiveness program established  
12 in section 256.205.

13 Sec. 5. PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS. The department of  
14 administrative services shall pay the Iowa school for the deaf  
15 and the Iowa educational services for the blind and visually  
16 impaired program the moneys collected from the counties during  
17 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, for expenses relating to  
18 prescription drug costs for students attending the Iowa school  
19 for the deaf and the Iowa educational services for the blind and  
20 visually impaired program.

21 DIVISION III

22 FY 2025-2026 APPROPRIATIONS — STATE BOARD OF REGENTS

23 Sec. 6. GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS. There is appropriated  
24 from the general fund of the state to the state board of regents  
25 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30,  
26 2026, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary,  
27 to be used for the purposes designated:

28 1. OFFICE OF STATE BOARD OF REGENTS

29 a. For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous  
30 purposes:

31 ..... \$ 764,642

32 For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June  
33 30, 2026, the state board of regents shall submit a quarterly  
34 financial report to the general assembly in a format agreed upon  
35 by the state board of regents office and the legislative services

1 agency. The report submitted for the quarter ending December 31,  
2 2025, shall include the five-year graduation rates for the  
3 regents universities.

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

6 ..... \$ 268,297

7 c. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending  
8 June 30, 2026, 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:

17 ..... \$ 125,000

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

21 2. STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

22 a. General university

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

25 ..... \$227,966,282

26 b. Oakdale campus

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

29 ..... \$ 2,103,819

30 c. State hygienic laboratory

31 For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous  
32 purposes:

33 ..... \$ 4,822,610

34 d. Family practice program

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

1 approval of the advisory board, to qualified participants to  
2 carry out the provisions of chapter 148D for the family practice  
3 residency education program, including salaries and support:  
4 ..... \$ 2,220,598  
5 e. Child health care services  
6 For specialized child health care services, including  
7 childhood cancer diagnostic and treatment network programs, rural  
8 comprehensive care for hemophilia patients, and the Iowa  
9 high-risk infant follow-up program, including salaries and  
10 support:  
11 ..... \$ 634,502  
12 f. Statewide cancer registry  
13 For the statewide cancer registry:  
14 ..... \$ 143,410  
15 g. Substance abuse consortium  
16 For distribution to the Iowa consortium for substance abuse  
17 research and evaluation:  
18 ..... \$ 53,427  
19 h. Center for biocatalysis  
20 For the center for biocatalysis:  
21 ..... \$ 696,342  
22 i. Primary health care initiative  
23 For the primary health care initiative in the college of  
24 medicine:  
25 ..... \$ 624,374  
26 From the moneys appropriated in this lettered paragraph,  
27 \$254,889 shall be allocated to the department of family practice  
28 at the state university of Iowa college of medicine for family  
29 practice faculty and support staff.  
30 j. Birth defects registry  
31 For the birth defects registry:  
32 ..... \$ 36,839  
33 k. Larned A. Waterman Iowa nonprofit resource center  
34 For the Larned A. Waterman Iowa nonprofit resource center:  
35 ..... \$ 156,389

1 1. Iowa online advanced placement academy science,  
2 technology, engineering, and mathematics initiative

3 For the Iowa online advanced placement academy science,  
4 technology, engineering, and mathematics initiative established  
5 pursuant to section 263.8A:

6 ..... \$ 463,616

7 m. Iowa flood center

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

10 ..... \$ 1,205,593

11 n. College of nursing

12 For employing additional instructors in the college of nursing  
13 to increase the number of students who graduate from the college  
14 of nursing:

15 ..... \$ 2,800,000

16 o. Iowa cancer assessment and intervention plan

17 For purposes of developing an Iowa cancer assessment and  
18 intervention plan, under the direction of and on behalf of the  
19 department of health and human services, pursuant to an agreement  
20 between the state university of Iowa and the department of health  
21 and human services:

22 ..... \$ 1,000,000

23 The Iowa cancer assessment and intervention plan must include  
24 a thorough analysis of the potential causes of Iowa's high  
25 incidence of cancer in order to guide the department of health  
26 and human services in developing targeted policies, enhancing  
27 prevention and screening programs, raising public awareness, and  
28 integrating evidence-based findings into existing initiatives.  
29 The state university of Iowa's expenditure of moneys appropriated  
30 in this lettered paragraph is contingent upon the state  
31 university of Iowa complying with the terms, conditions, and  
32 prescribed deliverables in the agreement between the university  
33 and the department of health and human services.

34 3. IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

35 a. General university

1 For salaries, support, maintenance, equipment, financial aid,  
2 and miscellaneous purposes:  
3 ..... \$182,013,938  
4 b. Agricultural experiment station  
5 For the agricultural experiment station salaries, support,  
6 maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:  
7 ..... \$ 30,462,535  
8 c. Cooperative extension service in agriculture and home  
9 economics  
10 For the cooperative extension service in agriculture and home  
11 economics salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous  
12 purposes:  
13 ..... \$ 18,157,366  
14 d. Preparing Iowa's future ready workforce and fostering  
15 innovation  
16 For purposes of addressing the state's workforce needs in the  
17 areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics by  
18 expanding degree and certificate programs in the areas of  
19 artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, computer science,  
20 computer engineering, data science, software engineering, and  
21 other high-demand areas related to technology, and fostering  
22 innovation in the areas of digital agriculture, manufacturing,  
23 water quality, vaccine delivery technologies, and biosciences:  
24 ..... \$ 2,800,000  
25 e. Veterinary early acceptance  
26 For purposes of the veterinary early acceptance program:  
27 ..... \$ 1,000,000  
28 4. UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA  
29 a. General university  
30 For salaries, support, maintenance, equipment, financial aid,  
31 and miscellaneous purposes:  
32 ..... \$103,932,029  
33 b. Real estate education program  
34 For purposes of the real estate education program:  
35 ..... \$ 123,523

1 c. Educators for Iowa

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

4 ..... \$ 1,500,000

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

12 DIVISION IV

13 STANDING APPROPRIATIONS

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

22 Sec. 9. WORK-STUDY APPROPRIATION. Notwithstanding section  
23 256.209, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending  
24 June 30, 2026, the amount appropriated from the general fund of  
25 the state to the college student aid commission of the department  
26 of education for the work-study program under section 256.209  
27 shall be zero.

28 Sec. 10. NONPUBLIC SCHOOL PUPIL TRANSPORTATION.  
29 Notwithstanding the standing appropriation in the following  
30 designated section for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025,  
31 and ending June 30, 2026, the amount appropriated from the  
32 general fund of the state pursuant to that section for the  
33 following designated purpose shall not exceed the following  
34 amount:

35 For payment of claims for nonpublic school pupil

1 transportation under section 285.2:

2 ..... \$ 8,997,091

3 If total approved claims for reimbursement for nonpublic  
4 school pupil transportation exceed the amount appropriated in  
5 accordance with this section, the department of education shall  
6 prorate the amount of each approved claim.

7 Sec. 11. INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT STATE AID — FY 2025-2026. In  
8 lieu of the appropriation provided in section 257.20, subsection  
9 2, the appropriation for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025,  
10 and ending June 30, 2026, for paying instructional support state  
11 aid under section 257.20 for the fiscal year is zero.

12 DIVISION V

13 IOWA TUITION GRANTS

14 Sec. 12. Section 256.177, subsection 4, Code 2025, is amended  
15 by striking the subsection.

16 Sec. 13. Section 256.189, Code 2025, is amended by adding the  
17 following new subsection:

18 NEW SUBSECTION. 3. An Iowa tuition grants fund is  
19 established in the state treasury. The fund shall be  
20 administered by the commission and shall consist of moneys  
21 appropriated by the general assembly and other moneys received  
22 by the commission for deposit in the fund. The moneys in  
23 the fund are appropriated to the commission for purposes of  
24 providing tuition grants to qualified students who are enrolled  
25 in accredited private institutions. Notwithstanding section  
26 8.33, moneys in the fund at the close of the fiscal year  
27 shall not revert to the general fund of the state but shall  
28 remain available for expenditure for purposes of providing  
29 tuition grants to qualified students who are enrolled in  
30 accredited private institutions for subsequent fiscal years.  
31 Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or earnings  
32 on moneys in the fund shall be credited to the fund and are  
33 appropriated to the commission for purposes of administering any  
34 scholarship or grant program described in this subchapter VII,  
35 part 4.

1     Sec. 14. Section 256.191, Code 2025, is amended by adding the  
2 following new subsection:

3     NEW SUBSECTION. 8. *Fund established.* An Iowa tuition grants  
4 for-profit institutions fund is established in the state  
5 treasury. The fund shall be administered by the commission and  
6 shall consist of moneys appropriated by the general assembly  
7 and other moneys received by the commission for deposit in the  
8 fund. The moneys in the fund are appropriated to the commission  
9 for purposes of providing tuition grants to qualified students  
10 who are enrolled in eligible institutions. Notwithstanding  
11 section 8.33, moneys in the fund at the close of the fiscal  
12 year shall not revert to the general fund of the state but  
13 shall remain available for expenditure for purposes of providing  
14 tuition grants to qualified students who are enrolled in eligible  
15 institutions for subsequent fiscal years. Notwithstanding  
16 section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or earnings on moneys in  
17 the fund shall be credited to the fund and are appropriated to  
18 the commission for purposes of administering any scholarship or  
19 grant program described in this subchapter VII, part 4.

20     Sec. 15. Section 256.192, Code 2025, is amended by adding the  
21 following new subsection:

22     NEW SUBSECTION. 8. A vocational-technical tuition grants  
23 fund is established in the state treasury. The fund shall  
24 be administered by the commission and shall consist of moneys  
25 appropriated by the general assembly and other moneys received  
26 by the commission for deposit in the fund. The moneys in the  
27 fund are appropriated to the commission for purposes of providing  
28 vocational-technical tuition grants pursuant to this section.  
29 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys in the fund at the close  
30 of the fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund of the  
31 state but shall remain available for expenditure for purposes of  
32 providing vocational-technical tuition grants pursuant to this  
33 section for subsequent fiscal years. Notwithstanding section  
34 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or earnings on moneys in the  
35 fund shall be credited to the fund and are appropriated to the

1 commission for purposes of administering any scholarship or grant  
2 program described in this subchapter VII, part 4.

3 Sec. 16. Section 256.194, subsections 1, 2, and 3, Code 2025,  
4 are amended to read as follows:

5 1. ~~There is appropriated from the general fund of the state~~  
6 ~~to the commission for~~ For each fiscal year beginning on or after  
7 July 1, 2025, there is appropriated from the general fund of the  
8 state to the commission for deposit in the Iowa tuition grants  
9 fund established in section 256.189, subsection 3, the sum of  
10 ~~fifty-two million seven hundred seven thousand sixty-nine dollars~~  
11 ~~for tuition grants to qualified students who are enrolled in~~  
12 ~~accredited private institutions~~ fifty-three million seven hundred  
13 sixty-one thousand two hundred ten dollars.

14 2. ~~There is appropriated from the general fund of the state~~  
15 ~~to the commission for~~ For each fiscal year beginning on or after  
16 July 1, 2025, there is appropriated from the general fund of the  
17 state to the commission for deposit in the Iowa tuition grants  
18 for-profit institutions fund established in section 256.191,  
19 subsection 8, the sum of one hundred ten thousand seven hundred  
20 ~~dollars for tuition grants for qualified students who are~~  
21 ~~enrolled in eligible institutions~~ one hundred twelve thousand  
22 nine hundred fourteen dollars.

23 3. ~~There is appropriated from the general fund of the state~~  
24 ~~to the commission for~~ For each fiscal year beginning on or after  
25 July 1, 2025, there is appropriated from the general fund of the  
26 state to the commission for deposit in the vocational-technical  
27 tuition grants fund established in section 256.192, subsection 8,  
28 ~~the sum of one million seven hundred fifty thousand one hundred~~  
29 ~~eighty-five dollars for vocational-technical tuition grants.~~

30 Sec. 17. SCHOLARSHIP AND TUITION GRANT RESERVE FUND —  
31 TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND. Any moneys appropriated to the  
32 department of education for purposes of the scholarship and  
33 tuition grant reserve fund established pursuant to section  
34 256.193 that remain unencumbered or unobligated as of July 1,  
35 2025, shall be transferred to the general fund of the state.



1 of national board certification awards in accordance with section  
2 256.44.

3 (2) Of the amount allocated under this paragraph, not less  
4 than eighty-five thousand dollars shall be used to administer  
5 the ambassador to education position in accordance with section  
6 256.45.

7 (3) Of the amount allocated under this paragraph, moneys in  
8 excess of the amount necessary for the purposes set forth in  
9 subparagraphs (1) and (2) are appropriated to the department  
10 for purposes of providing stipends to individuals who receive  
11 an advanced dyslexia specialist endorsement from the board of  
12 educational examiners. The department shall establish the amount  
13 of the stipend based on the availability of moneys for such  
14 purpose.

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 VII

29 COURT REPORTER EQUIPMENT GRANT PROGRAM

30 Sec. 21. 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 Act:

3 ..... \$ 50,000

4 Sec. 22. NEW SECTION. **256.231 Court reporter equipment**  
5 **grant program.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 not revert but shall remain available for expenditure for the  
2 purposes designated. Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection  
3 2, interest or earnings on moneys in the fund shall be credited  
4 to the fund.

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

7 Sec. 23. REPEAL. Sections 15.485 and 15.486, Code 2025, are  
8 repealed.

9 Sec. 24. COURT REPORTER EQUIPMENT INCENTIVE FUND — TRANSFER  
10 TO COURT REPORTER EQUIPMENT GRANT PROGRAM FUND. Unencumbered  
11 and unobligated moneys remaining in the court reporter equipment  
12 incentive fund established pursuant to section 15.486, Code  
13 2025, on the effective date of this division of this Act, are  
14 transferred to the court reporter equipment grant program fund  
15 created in section 256.231, as enacted by this Act.

16 Sec. 25. CODE EDITOR DIRECTIVE. The Code editor shall  
17 designate section 256.231, as enacted by this Act, as a new  
18 subpart within chapter 256, subchapter VII, part 4, entitled  
19 "court reporter equipment grant program".

20 DIVISION VIII

21 COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION PROGRAMS

22 Sec. 26. Section 256.212, subsection 6, Code 2025, is amended  
23 to read as follows:

24 6. *Fund established.* An all Iowa opportunity scholarship  
25 fund is created in the state treasury as a separate fund under  
26 the control of the commission. All moneys deposited or paid into  
27 the fund are appropriated and made available to the commission  
28 to be used for scholarships for students meeting the requirements  
29 of this section. Notwithstanding section 8.33, any balance in  
30 the fund on June 30 of each fiscal year shall not revert to the  
31 general fund of the state, but shall be available for purposes of  
32 this section in subsequent fiscal years. Notwithstanding section  
33 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or earnings on moneys in the fund  
34 shall be credited to the fund and are appropriated to the college  
35 student aid commission for purposes of administering any program

1 described in this subchapter VII, part 4.

2 Sec. 27. Section 256.218, subsection 6, Code 2025, is amended  
3 to read as follows:

4 6. A teach Iowa scholar fund is established in the state  
5 treasury. The fund shall be administered by the commission and  
6 shall consist of moneys appropriated by the general assembly and  
7 any other moneys received by the commission for deposit in the  
8 fund, including payments collected by the commission pursuant  
9 to section 256.219, subsection 7. The moneys in the fund  
10 are appropriated to the commission for the teach Iowa scholar  
11 program. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys in the fund at  
12 the close of the fiscal year shall not revert to the general  
13 fund of the state but shall remain available for expenditure  
14 for the teach Iowa scholar program for subsequent fiscal years.  
15 Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or earnings  
16 on moneys in the fund shall be credited to the fund and are  
17 appropriated to the college student aid commission for purposes  
18 of administering any program described in this subchapter VII,  
19 part 4.

20 Sec. 28. Section 256.226, subsection 10, Code 2025, is  
21 amended to read as follows:

22 10. *Trust fund established.* A rural veterinary care trust  
23 fund is created in the state treasury as a separate fund under  
24 the control of the commission. The commission may accept gifts,  
25 grants, bequests, and other private contributions, as well as  
26 state or federal moneys, for deposit in the fund. The commission  
27 shall remit all repayments made pursuant to this section to  
28 the rural veterinary care trust fund. All moneys deposited or  
29 paid into the trust fund are appropriated and made available  
30 to the commission to be used for meeting the requirements  
31 of this section and increasing the number of veterinarians  
32 participating in the program. Moneys in the fund up to the total  
33 amount that an eligible individual may receive for an eligible  
34 loan in accordance with this section and upon fulfilling the  
35 requirements of subsection 4, shall be considered encumbered for

1 the duration of the agreement entered into pursuant to subsection  
2 4. Notwithstanding section 8.33, any balance in the fund on June  
3 30 of each fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund of  
4 the state, but shall be available for purposes of this section  
5 and to increase the number of veterinarians participating in  
6 the program in subsequent fiscal years. Notwithstanding section  
7 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or earnings on moneys in the fund  
8 shall be credited to the fund and are appropriated to the college  
9 student aid commission for purposes of administering any program  
10 described in this subchapter VII, part 4.

11 Sec. 29. Section 256.228, subsection 5, Code 2025, is amended  
12 to read as follows:

13 5. *Fund created.* A future ready Iowa skilled workforce  
14 last-dollar scholarship fund is created in the state treasury  
15 as a separate fund under the control of the commission. All  
16 moneys deposited or paid into the fund are appropriated and  
17 made available to the commission to be used for scholarships  
18 awarded as provided under this section. Notwithstanding section  
19 8.33, any balance in the fund on June 30 of each fiscal year  
20 shall not revert to the general fund of the state, but shall  
21 be available for purposes of this section in subsequent fiscal  
22 years. Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest  
23 or earnings on moneys in the fund shall be credited to the  
24 fund and are appropriated to the college student aid commission  
25 for purposes of administering any program described in this  
26 subchapter VII, part 4.

27 Sec. 30. Section 256.229, subsection 5, Code 2025, is amended  
28 to read as follows:

29 5. *Fund created.* A future ready Iowa skilled workforce grant  
30 fund is created in the state treasury as a separate fund under  
31 the control of the commission. All moneys deposited or paid into  
32 the fund are appropriated and made available to the commission  
33 to be used for grants awarded as provided under this section.  
34 Notwithstanding section 8.33, any balance in the fund on June  
35 30 of each fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund of

1 the state, but shall be available for purposes of this section  
2 in subsequent fiscal years. Notwithstanding section 12C.7,  
3 subsection 2, interest or earnings on moneys in the fund shall  
4 be credited to the fund and are appropriated to the college  
5 student aid commission for purposes of administering any program  
6 described in this subchapter VII, part 4.

7 Sec. 31. Section 256.230, subsection 8, Code 2025, is amended  
8 to read as follows:

9 8. *Fund created.* An Iowa workforce grant and incentive  
10 program fund is created in the state treasury under the control  
11 of the commission. All moneys deposited or paid into the  
12 fund are appropriated to the commission to be used for grants  
13 and incentive payments awarded as provided in this section.  
14 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys in the fund that remain  
15 unencumbered or unobligated at the close of a fiscal year shall  
16 not revert but shall remain available for expenditure for the  
17 purposes designated. Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection  
18 2, interest or earnings on moneys in the fund shall be credited  
19 to the fund and are appropriated to the college student aid  
20 commission for purposes of administering any program described in  
21 this subchapter VII, part 4.

22 DIVISION IX

23 AREA EDUCATION AGENCIES

24 Sec. 32. REDUCTION — SPECIAL EDUCATION SUPPORT SERVICES  
25 DISTRICT COST. Notwithstanding section 257.10, subsection 7, the  
26 state aid for school districts for special education support  
27 services and the portion of the combined district cost calculated  
28 for school districts for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025,  
29 and ending June 30, 2026, shall be reduced by the department of  
30 management by \$32,500,000. The reduction for each area education  
31 agency shall be prorated based on the weighted enrollment for  
32 special education support services for the budget year.

33 Sec. 33. Section 257.35, subsection 2, Code 2025, is amended  
34 to read as follows:

35 2. Notwithstanding the deduction and payment under subsection

1 1, the amounts specified for school districts and area education  
2 agencies in subsection 1, paragraph "a", for the fiscal year  
3 beginning July 1, 2024, and each ~~succeeding~~ fiscal year ending  
4 June 30, 2025, shall be reduced by the department of management  
5 by seven million five hundred thousand dollars. The department  
6 of management shall calculate a reduction such that such amounts  
7 shall be reduced proportionally to the amount that the district  
8 or agency would otherwise have received under this section if the  
9 reduction imposed pursuant to this subsection did not apply.

10 Sec. 34. Section 257.35, Code 2025, is amended by adding the  
11 following new subsection:

12 NEW SUBSECTION. 19A. The director of the department of  
13 management may deduct the following from the state aid due to  
14 each school district pursuant to this chapter and shall pay the  
15 amounts to the respective area education agencies on a monthly  
16 basis from September 15 through June 15 during each school  
17 year for purposes of providing services to students enrolled in  
18 nonpublic schools within the boundaries of the area education  
19 agency:

20 a. The amount calculated for media services for the school  
21 district that is attributable to the number of students enrolled  
22 in nonpublic schools within the school district who are provided  
23 with media services by an area education agency.

24 b. The amount calculated for educational services for the  
25 school district that is attributable to the number of students  
26 enrolled in nonpublic schools within the school district who are  
27 provided with educational services by an area education agency.

28 **EXPLANATION**

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

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

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

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

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

32 STATE BOARD OF REGENTS. The bill appropriates moneys to  
33 the state board of regents for the board office, universities'  
34 general operating budgets, the western Iowa regents resource  
35 center, the state university of Iowa, the Iowa state university

1 of science and technology, and the university of northern Iowa.

2 STANDING APPROPRIATIONS. For FY 2025-2026, the bill limits  
3 the appropriations associated with programs for at-risk children  
4 under Code section 279.51 and the appropriations associated with  
5 the payment of claims for transportation services to nonpublic  
6 school pupils under Code section 285.2. Additionally, the bill  
7 eliminates the appropriations associated with the work-study  
8 program under Code section 256.209 and instructional support  
9 state aid under Code section 257.20 for FY 2025-2026.

10 IOWA TUITION GRANTS. Current Code section 256.194 appropriates  
11 moneys to the college student aid commission for tuition  
12 grants to qualified students who are enrolled in accredited  
13 private institutions or eligible institutions and for  
14 vocational-technical tuition grants. The bill modifies Code  
15 section 256.194 to appropriate moneys to the college student  
16 aid commission for deposit in funds for these same purposes,  
17 and the bill establishes such funds in the state treasury to  
18 be administered by the college student aid commission. Moneys  
19 appropriated prior to FY 2025-2026 for these tuition grants  
20 are transferred to the funds. The bill increases the standing  
21 appropriation for tuition grants for qualified students enrolled  
22 in accredited private institutions under Code section 256.194(1)  
23 or eligible institutions under Code section 256.194(2).

24 Current Code section 256.193 establishes a scholarship and  
25 tuition grant reserve fund to assure that financial assistance  
26 will be available to certain specified students who are awarded  
27 scholarships or tuition grants through the college student aid  
28 commission. The bill repeals Code section 256.193 and makes  
29 conforming changes. Any moneys appropriated to the department  
30 of education for purposes of the scholarship and tuition grant  
31 reserve fund that remain unencumbered or unobligated as of July  
32 1, 2025, are transferred to the general fund of the state.

33 STATE PROGRAM ALLOCATION. Code section 284.13 establishes how  
34 moneys appropriated for purposes of the student achievement  
35 and teacher quality program are to be allocated. The bill

1 extends such allocations to FY 2025-2026. The bill provides  
2 that beginning in FY 2026-2027, of the moneys appropriated for  
3 purposes of the student achievement and teacher quality program,  
4 the final priority for the allocation is \$10 million for purposes  
5 of implementing the supplemental assistance for high-need schools  
6 provisions of Code section 284.11.

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

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

21 The bill repeals Code sections 15.485 and 15.486, which  
22 established the court reporter equipment grant program and the  
23 court reporter equipment incentive fund. The bill transfers  
24 moneys to the new fund from the previous fund.

25 COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION PROGRAMS. The bill provides  
26 that any interest or earnings on moneys in any of the following  
27 funds may be used by the college student aid commission  
28 for purposes of administering any program described in Code  
29 chapter 256, subchapter VII, part 4: the all Iowa opportunity  
30 scholarship program, the teach Iowa scholar program, the rural  
31 veterinarian loan repayment program, the future ready Iowa  
32 skilled workforce last-dollar scholarship program, the future  
33 ready Iowa skilled workforce grant program, and the Iowa  
34 workforce grant and incentive program.

35 AREA EDUCATION AGENCIES. The bill provides that,

1 notwithstanding Code section 257.10(7), the state aid for school  
2 districts for special education support services and the portion  
3 of the combined district cost calculated for school districts for  
4 FY 2025-2026, shall be reduced by the department of management.  
5 The reduction for each area education agency shall be prorated  
6 based on the weighted enrollment for special education support  
7 services for the budget year.

8 Current Code section 257.35(2) requires the department of  
9 management to reduce the amounts specified for school districts  
10 and area education agencies in Code section 257.35(1)(a) by \$7.5  
11 million for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and each  
12 succeeding fiscal year. The bill modifies this provision to  
13 provide that the department of management shall only make such  
14 reduction for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending  
15 June 30, 2025.

16 The bill authorizes the director of the department of  
17 management to deduct from the state aid due to each school  
18 district pursuant to Code chapter 257 (financing school programs)  
19 the amount calculated for media services for the school district  
20 that is attributable to the number of students enrolled in  
21 nonpublic schools within the school district who are provided  
22 with media services by an area education agency and the amount  
23 calculated for educational services for the school district  
24 that is attributable to the number of students enrolled in  
25 nonpublic schools within the school district who are provided  
26 with educational services by an area education agency. The  
27 director of the department of management is required to pay such  
28 amounts to the respective area education agencies on a monthly  
29 basis during each school year for purposes of providing services  
30 to students enrolled in nonpublic schools within the boundaries  
31 of the area education agency.