

Senate Study Bill 1231 - Introduced

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
APPROPRIATIONS BILL BY
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A BILL FOR

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

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

..... \$ 3,207,190 FTEs 88.98

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

..... \$ 7,073,808 FTEs 70.23

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

..... \$ 721,779 FTEs 9.12

3. PUBLIC BROADCASTING DIVISION

For salaries, support, maintenance, capital expenditures, and miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the following

1 full-time equivalent positions:

2 \$ 8,116,032 FTEs 58.38

3 4. CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

4 For reimbursement for career and technical education
5 expenditures made by regional career and technical education
6 planning partnerships in accordance with section 256.136:

7 \$ 2,952,459

8 5. SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE

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

13 \$ 2,176,797 FTEs 25.40

14 6. BIRTH TO AGE THREE SERVICES

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

19 \$ 1,721,400

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

25 7. EARLY HEAD START PROJECTS

26 a. For early head start projects:

27 \$ 574,500

28 b. The moneys appropriated in this subsection shall be used
29 for implementation and expansion of early head start pilot
30 projects addressing the comprehensive cognitive, social,
31 emotional, and developmental needs of children from birth to age
32 three, including prenatal support for qualified families. The
33 projects shall promote healthy prenatal outcomes and healthy
34 family functioning, and strengthen the development of infants and
35 toddlers in low-income families. Priority shall be given to

1 those organizations that have previously qualified for and
2 received state funding to administer an early head start project.

3 8. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND TEACHER QUALITY PROGRAM

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

7 \$ 2,990,467 FTEs 6.02

8 9. STATEWIDE STUDENT ASSESSMENT

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

14 \$ 3,000,000

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

20 10. STATEWIDE CLEARINGHOUSE TO EXPAND WORK-BASED LEARNING

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

24 \$ 300,000

25 11. POSTSECONDARY SUMMER CLASSES FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
26 PROGRAM

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

35 \$ 600,000

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

7 12. JOBS FOR AMERICA'S GRADUATES

8 For school districts to reinforce combined efforts and
9 regional initiatives that accelerate para-educator and teacher
10 credential attainment and to provide direct services to the most
11 at-risk middle school or high school students enrolled in school
12 districts through direct intervention by a jobs for America's
13 graduates specialist:

14 \$ 9,646,450

15 13. ATTENDANCE CENTER PERFORMANCE/GENERAL INTERNET SITE AND
16 DATA SYSTEM SUPPORT

17 For administration of a process for school districts to
18 establish specific performance goals and to evaluate the
19 performance of each attendance center operated by the district in
20 order to arrive at an overall school performance grade and report
21 card for each attendance center, for internet site and data
22 system support, and for not more than the following full-time
23 equivalent positions:

24 \$ 250,000

25 FTEs 1.83

26 14. SUCCESSFUL PROGRESSION FOR EARLY READERS

27 For distribution to school districts for implementation of
28 section 279.68, subsection 2, relating to successful progression
29 for early readers:

30 \$ 7,824,782

31 15. EARLY WARNING SYSTEM FOR LITERACY

32 a. For purposes of purchasing a statewide license for an
33 early warning assessment and administering the early warning
34 system for literacy established in accordance with section 279.68
35 and rules adopted in accordance with section 256.7, subsection

1 31:

2 \$ 1,915,000

3 b. The department shall administer and distribute to school
4 districts and accredited nonpublic schools the early warning
5 assessment system that allows teachers to screen and monitor
6 student literacy skills from prekindergarten through grade six.
7 The department may charge school districts and accredited
8 nonpublic schools a fee for the system not to exceed the actual
9 costs to purchase a statewide license for the early warning
10 assessment minus the moneys received by the department under this
11 subsection. The fee shall be determined by dividing the actual
12 remaining costs to purchase the statewide license for the school
13 year by the number of pupils assessed under the system in the
14 current fiscal year. School districts may use moneys received
15 pursuant to section 257.10, subsection 11, and moneys received
16 for purposes of implementing section 279.68, subsection 2, to pay
17 the early warning assessment system fee.

18 16. IOWA READING RESEARCH CENTER

19 a. For purposes of the Iowa reading research center in order
20 to implement, in collaboration with the area education agencies,
21 the provisions of section 256.9, subsection 49, paragraph "c":
22 \$ 1,500,000

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

34 c. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys received by the
35 department pursuant to this subsection that remain unencumbered

1 or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert
2 but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes
3 specified in this subsection until the close of the succeeding
4 fiscal year.

5 17. COMPUTER SCIENCE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE FUND

6 For deposit in the computer science professional development
7 incentive fund established under section 284.6A:

8 \$ 500,000

9 18. CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH SCHOOL-BASED TRAINING AND
10 SUPPORT

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

14 \$ 3,383,936

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

30 19. BEST BUDDIES IOWA

31 a. For school districts to create opportunities for
32 one-to-one friendships, integrated employment, and leadership
33 development for students with intellectual and developmental
34 disabilities:

35 \$ 35,000

1 b. The department of education shall establish criteria for
2 the distribution of moneys appropriated under this subsection and
3 shall require an organization receiving moneys under this
4 subsection to annually report student identifying data for
5 students participating in the program to the department in the
6 manner prescribed by the department as a condition of receiving
7 such moneys.

8 20. MIDWESTERN HIGHER EDUCATION COMPACT

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

11 \$ 115,000

12 b. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated pursuant
13 to this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
14 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
15 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the
16 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

17 21. NONPUBLIC SCHOOL CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT PAYMENTS TO
18 COMMUNITY COLLEGES

19 For payments to community colleges for the concurrent
20 enrollment of accredited nonpublic school students under section
21 261E.8, subsection 2, paragraph "b":

22 \$ 1,000,000

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

28 22. COMMUNITY COLLEGES

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

31 \$235,858,161

32 23. IOWA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

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

1 \$ 12,049,644

2 FTEs 121.00

3 24. IOWA EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY
4 IMPAIRED PROGRAM

5 For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous
6 purposes, and for not more than the following full-time
7 equivalent positions:

8 \$ 5,012,169

9 FTEs 56.00

10 25. SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS (STEM)
11 COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVE

12 For purposes of the science, technology, engineering, and
13 mathematics (STEM) collaborative initiative established pursuant
14 to section 256.111, and for not more than the following full-time
15 equivalent positions:

16 \$ 6,354,848

17 FTEs 5.50

18 a. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the
19 moneys appropriated in this subsection shall be expended for
20 salaries, staffing, institutional support, activities directly
21 related to recruitment of kindergarten through grade 12
22 mathematics and science teachers, and for ongoing mathematics and
23 science programming for students enrolled in kindergarten through
24 grade 12.

25 b. The department shall work with the community colleges to
26 develop STEM professional development programs for community
27 college instructors and STEM curriculum development.

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

35 (1) A research-based curriculum.

1 (2) Online access to the curriculum.

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

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

5 (5) Professional development for teachers.

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

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

15 26. THERAPEUTIC CLASSROOM INCENTIVE FUND

16 For deposit in the therapeutic classroom incentive fund
17 established pursuant to section 256.25:

18 \$ 2,351,382

19 27. ONLINE STATE JOB POSTING SYSTEM

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

24 \$ 265,000

25 28. LEAD-K PROGRAM

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

29 \$ 200,000

30 29. DIVISION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

31 For general supervision, oversight, compliance, employee
32 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes within
33 the area education agency regions and the department of education
34 main office, and for not more than the following full-time
35 equivalent positions:

1 \$ 10,000,000
2 FTEs 62.00
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, and
15 for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:
16 \$ 591,533
17 FTEs 4.95
18 b. National guard service scholarship program
19 For purposes of providing national guard service scholarships
20 under the program established in section 256.210:
21 \$ 6,600,000
22 c. All Iowa opportunity scholarship program
23 (1) For purposes of the all Iowa opportunity scholarship
24 program established pursuant to section 256.212:
25 \$ 3,229,468
26 (2) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, if the moneys
27 appropriated in this lettered paragraph exceed \$500,000,
28 "eligible institution" as defined in section 256.212 shall,
29 during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, include accredited
30 private institutions as defined in section 256.183.
31 d. Teach Iowa scholar program
32 For purposes of the teach Iowa scholar program established
33 pursuant to section 256.218:
34 \$ 650,000
35 e. Rural veterinarian loan repayment program

1 For purposes of the rural veterinarian loan repayment program
2 established pursuant to section 256.226:

3 \$ 700,000

4 f. Future ready Iowa skilled workforce last-dollar
5 scholarship program

6 For deposit in the future ready Iowa skilled workforce
7 last-dollar scholarship fund established pursuant to section
8 256.228:

9 \$ 23,927,005

10 g. Future ready Iowa skilled workforce grant program

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

13 \$ 425,000

14 h. Iowa workforce grant and incentive program

15 For deposit in the Iowa workforce grant and incentive program
16 fund created in section 256.230:

17 \$ 6,500,000

18 i. Health care professional incentive program

19 For deposit in the health care professional incentive program
20 fund created in section 256.222, if enacted in 2025 Iowa Acts,
21 Senate File 618, 2025 Iowa Acts, House File 972, or any successor
22 legislation:

23 \$ 10,000,000

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

25 APPROPRIATIONS. There is appropriated from the Iowa skilled
26 worker and job creation fund created in section 8.57J to the
27 department of education for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
28 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the following amounts, or so much
29 thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

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

32 \$ 5,000,000

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

35 \$ 15,100,000

1 From the moneys appropriated in this subsection, not more than
2 \$100,000 shall be used by the department for administration of
3 the workforce training and economic development funds created
4 pursuant to section 260C.18A.

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

8 \$ 6,000,000

9 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 a. Accelerated career education program capital projects.

14 b. 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 established pursuant to section 260H.2:

19 \$ 4,800,000

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

22 \$ 2,000,000

23 6. For support costs associated with administering a
24 workforce preparation outcome reporting system for the purpose of
25 collecting and reporting data relating to the educational and
26 employment outcomes of workforce preparation programs receiving
27 moneys pursuant to this section:

28 \$ 75,000

29 7. For STEM best:

30 \$ 700,000

31 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in this
32 section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of
33 the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for
34 expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of the
35 succeeding fiscal year.

1 \$ 268,297

2 c. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending
3 June 30, 2026, the state board of regents and the institutions of
4 higher learning governed by the state board of regents shall not
5 reduce moneys budgeted for the fiscal year for the institutions'
6 police departments.

7 d. For allocation in equal parts by the state board of
8 regents to the state university of Iowa, the Iowa state
9 university of science and technology, and the university of
10 northern Iowa to support the John Pappajohn centers for
11 entrepreneurship:

12 \$ 125,000

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

16 2. STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

17 a. General university

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

21 \$223,496,355
22 FTEs 5,058.55

23 b. Oakdale campus

24 For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous
25 purposes, and for not more than the following full-time
26 equivalent positions:

27 \$ 2,103,819 FTEs 38.25

28 c. State hygienic laboratory

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

32 \$ 4,822,610 FTEs 102.51

33 d. Family practice program

34 For allocation by the dean of the college of medicine, with
35 approval of the advisory board, to qualified participants to

1 carry out the provisions of chapter 148D for the family practice
2 residency education program, including salaries and support, and
3 for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

4 \$ 2,220,598 FTEs 2.71

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, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent
11 positions:

12 \$ 634,502 FTEs 4.16

13 f. Statewide cancer registry

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

16 \$ 143,410 FTEs 2.10

17 g. Substance abuse consortium

18 For distribution to the Iowa consortium for substance abuse
19 research and evaluation, and for not more than the following
20 full-time equivalent positions:

21 \$ 53,427 FTEs .99

22 h. Center for biocatalysis

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

25 \$ 696,342 FTEs 6.28

26 i. Primary health care initiative

27 For the primary health care initiative in the college of
28 medicine, and for not more than the following full-time
29 equivalent positions:

30 \$ 624,374 FTEs 6.22

31 From the moneys appropriated in this lettered paragraph,
32 \$254,889 shall be allocated to the department of family practice
33 at the state university of Iowa college of medicine for family
34 practice faculty and support staff.

35 j. Birth defects registry

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

3 \$ 36,839 FTEs .38

4 k. Larned A. Waterman Iowa nonprofit resource center

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

7 \$ 156,389 FTEs 2.75

8 l. Iowa online advanced placement academy science,
9 technology, engineering, and mathematics initiative

10 For the Iowa online advanced placement academy science,
11 technology, engineering, and mathematics initiative established
12 pursuant to section 263.8A:

13 \$ 463,616

14 m. Iowa flood center

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

17 \$ 1,205,593

18 n. College of nursing

19 For employing additional instructors in the college of nursing
20 to increase the number of students who graduate from the college
21 of nursing:

22 \$ 2,800,000

23 o. Iowa cancer assessment and intervention plan

24 For purposes of developing an Iowa cancer assessment and
25 intervention plan, under the direction of and on behalf of the
26 department of health and human services, pursuant to an agreement
27 between the state university of Iowa and the department of health
28 and human services:

29 \$ 1,000,000

30 The Iowa cancer assessment and intervention plan must include
31 a thorough analysis of the potential causes of Iowa's high
32 incidence of cancer in order to guide the department of health
33 and human services in developing targeted policies, enhancing
34 prevention and screening programs, raising public awareness, and
35 integrating evidence-based findings into existing initiatives.

1 The state university of Iowa's expenditure of moneys appropriated
2 in this lettered paragraph is contingent upon the state
3 university of Iowa complying with the terms, conditions, and
4 prescribed deliverables in the agreement between the university
5 and the department of health and human services.

6 3. IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

7 a. General university

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

11 \$178,445,037 FTEs 3,647.42

12 b. Agricultural experiment station

13 For the agricultural experiment station salaries, support,
14 maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than
15 the following full-time equivalent positions:

16 \$ 29,462,535 FTEs 180.63

17 c. Cooperative extension service in agriculture and home
18 economics

19 For the cooperative extension service in agriculture and home
20 economics salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous
21 purposes, and for not more than the following full-time
22 equivalent positions:

23 \$ 18,157,366 FTEs 240.41

24 d. Preparing Iowa's future ready workforce and fostering
25 innovation

26 For purposes of addressing the state's workforce needs in the
27 areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics by
28 expanding degree and certificate programs in the areas of
29 artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, computer science,
30 computer engineering, data science, software engineering, and
31 other high-demand areas related to technology, and fostering
32 innovation in the areas of digital agriculture, manufacturing,
33 water quality, vaccine delivery technologies, and biosciences:

34 \$ 2,800,000

35 4. UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA

1 a. General university

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

5 \$101,894,146 FTEs 1,250.28

6 b. Real estate education program

7 For purposes of the real estate education program, and for not
8 more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

9 \$ 123,523 FTEs .86

10 c. Educators for Iowa

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

13 \$ 1,500,000

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

21 DIVISION IV

22 STANDING APPROPRIATIONS

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

31 Sec. 9. WORK-STUDY APPROPRIATION. Notwithstanding section
32 256.209, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending
33 June 30, 2026, the amount appropriated from the general fund of
34 the state to the college student aid commission of the department
35 of education for the work-study program under section 256.209

1 shall be zero.

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

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

8 DIVISION V

9 STATE PROGRAM ALLOCATION

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

12 a. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, ~~2024~~ 2025, and
13 ending June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026, to the department, the amount of five
14 hundred eight thousand two hundred fifty dollars for the issuance
15 of national board certification awards in accordance with section
16 256.44. Of the amount allocated under this paragraph, not less
17 than eighty-five thousand dollars shall be used to administer
18 the ambassador to education position in accordance with section
19 256.45.

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

31 c. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, ~~2024~~ 2025, and
32 ending June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026, an amount up to one million
33 seventy-seven thousand eight hundred ten dollars to the
34 department for the establishment of teacher development academies
35 in accordance with section 284.6, subsection 10. A portion

1 of the funds allocated to the department for purposes of this
2 paragraph may be used for administrative purposes.

3 e. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, ~~2024~~ 2025, and
4 ending June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026, to the department an amount up to
5 fifty thousand dollars for purposes of the fine arts beginning
6 teacher mentoring program established under section 256.34.

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

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

33 DIVISION VI

34 COURT REPORTER EQUIPMENT GRANT PROGRAM

35 Sec. 12. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION — COURT REPORTER EQUIPMENT

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

6 For deposit in the court reporter equipment grant program fund
7 created in section 256.231, as enacted by this Act:

8 \$ 50,000

9 Sec. 13. NEW SECTION. **256.231 Court reporter equipment**
10 **grant program.**

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

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

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

26 4. The college student aid commission shall do all of the
27 following:

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

32 b. Establish grant application materials, eligibility
33 requirements, award criteria, and award amounts.

34 5. A court reporter equipment grant program fund is created
35 in the state treasury under the control of the college student

1 aid commission. All moneys deposited or paid into the fund
2 are appropriated to the college student aid commission to
3 be used for grants awarded as provided under this section.
4 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys in the fund that remain
5 unencumbered or unobligated at the close of a fiscal year shall
6 not revert but shall remain available for expenditure for the
7 purposes designated. Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection
8 2, interest or earnings on moneys in the fund shall be credited
9 to the fund.

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

12 Sec. 14. REPEAL. Sections 15.485 and 15.486, Code 2025, are
13 repealed.

14 Sec. 15. COURT REPORTER EQUIPMENT INCENTIVE FUND — TRANSFER
15 TO COURT REPORTER EQUIPMENT GRANT PROGRAM FUND. Unencumbered
16 and unobligated moneys remaining in the court reporter equipment
17 incentive fund established pursuant to section 15.486, Code
18 2025, on the effective date of this division of this Act, are
19 transferred to the court reporter equipment grant program fund
20 created in section 256.231, as enacted by this Act.

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

25 EXPLANATION

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

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

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

35 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. The bill appropriates moneys to the

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

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

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

34 STANDING APPROPRIATIONS. For FY 2025-2026, the bill limits
35 the appropriation associated with the work-study program under

1 Code section 256.209.

2 Additionally, for FY 2025-2026, the bill limits the
3 appropriation associated with programs for at-risk children under
4 Code section 279.51, if the portion of 2025 Iowa Acts, Senate
5 File 445, or any successor legislation, that reduces the standing
6 appropriation in Code section 279.51(1), is not enacted.

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

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

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

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