

House File 2393 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act permitting school districts to use certain categorical
2 funds generated from pupils participating in the education
3 savings account program for any school general fund purpose.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 257.10, subsection 9, paragraph d, Code
2 2026, is amended to read as follows:

3 d. For the budget year beginning July 1, 2010, and
4 succeeding budget years, the use of the funds calculated under
5 this subsection or available for use as provided in subsection
6 10, paragraph "d", subsection 12, paragraph "d", or section
7 257.46, subsection 3, shall be distributed to teachers pursuant
8 to section 284.3A and shall comply with the requirements of
9 chapter 284 related to such distribution under section 284.3A.
10 However, for budget years beginning on or after July 1, 2026,
11 amounts calculated under this subsection that are attributable
12 to resident pupils participating in the education savings
13 account program under section 257.11B may be used for any
14 school general fund purpose.

15 Sec. 2. Section 257.10, subsection 10, paragraph d, Code
16 2026, is amended to read as follows:

17 d. The use of the funds calculated under this subsection
18 and any amount designated for professional development purposes
19 from the school district's flexibility account under section
20 298A.2, subsection 2, shall comply with the requirements
21 of chapter 284. However, for budget years beginning on or
22 after July 1, 2026, amounts calculated under this subsection
23 that are attributable to resident pupils participating in
24 the education savings account program under section 257.11B
25 may be used for any school general fund purpose. If all
26 professional development requirements of chapter 284 are met
27 and funds received under this subsection remain unexpended
28 and unobligated at the end of a fiscal year beginning on or
29 after July 1, 2017, the school district may transfer all or a
30 portion of such unexpended and unobligated funds for deposit
31 in the school district's flexibility account established under
32 section 298A.2, subsection 2. At the end of a fiscal year
33 beginning on or after July 1, 2022, the school district may
34 use all or a portion of funds under this subsection for the
35 purposes authorized under subsection 9, paragraph "d". At the

1 end of a fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2024, the
2 school district may use all or a portion of funds under this
3 subsection for any trainings required as a condition for a
4 school employee to carry a weapon at the school during school
5 hours.

6 Sec. 3. Section 257.10, subsection 12, paragraph d, Code
7 2026, is amended to read as follows:

8 *d.* Except as otherwise allowed under this paragraph,
9 for the budget year beginning July 1, 2014, and succeeding
10 budget years, the use of the funds calculated under this
11 subsection shall comply with the requirements of [chapter 284](#)
12 and shall be distributed to teachers pursuant to section
13 284.15. The funds shall be used only to increase the payment
14 for a teacher assigned to a leadership role pursuant to a
15 framework or comparable system approved pursuant to section
16 284.15; to increase the percentages of teachers assigned to
17 leadership roles; to increase the minimum teacher starting
18 salary to the amount provided in [section 284.15, subsection 2,](#)
19 [paragraph "a", subparagraph \(1\);](#) to cover the costs for the
20 time mentor and lead teachers are not providing instruction
21 to students in a classroom; for coverage of a classroom when
22 an initial or career teacher is observing or co-teaching with
23 a teacher assigned to a leadership role; for professional
24 development time to learn best practices associated with
25 the career pathways leadership process; and for other costs
26 associated with a framework or comparable system approved by
27 the department of education under [section 284.15](#) with the goals
28 of improving instruction and elevating the quality of teaching
29 and student learning. However, for budget years beginning on
30 or after July 1, 2026, amounts calculated under this subsection
31 that are attributable to resident pupils participating in the
32 education savings account program under section 257.11B may be
33 used for any school general fund purpose. If all requirements
34 for the school district for the use of funds calculated
35 under [this subsection](#) are met and funds received under this

1 subsection remain unexpended and unobligated at the end of a
2 fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2020, the school
3 district may transfer all or a portion of such unexpended
4 and unobligated funds for deposit in the school district's
5 flexibility account established under section 298A.2,
6 subsection 2. At the end of a fiscal year beginning on or after
7 July 1, 2022, school districts may use all or a portion of
8 funds under [this subsection](#) for the purposes authorized under
9 subsection 9, paragraph `d`, and, notwithstanding any provision
10 of law to the contrary, school districts shall not be required
11 to participate in or comply with [section 284.15](#) in order to
12 continue to receive funding under [this subsection](#).

13 EXPLANATION

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

16 This bill permits school districts to use funds generated
17 for the teacher salary supplement, professional development
18 supplement, and the teacher leadership supplement from pupils
19 participating in the education savings account program for any
20 school general fund purpose.

21 The bill applies to school budget years beginning on or after
22 July 1, 2026.