

House Study Bill 717 - Introduced

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE
ON EDUCATION BILL BY
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to entities supported in whole or in part by
2 taxation, including by modifying provisions related to the
3 duties and responsibilities of the directors and officers
4 of school boards, school improvement advisory committees,
5 the sale of public bonds, statewide school infrastructure
6 funding, open enrollment, and the membership and voting
7 units of county and city conference boards, and including
8 applicability provisions.

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

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DIVISION I

SCHOOL BOARD AND OFFICERS — DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 1. Section 24.2A, subsection 4, paragraph b, subparagraph (3), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

(3) If the political subdivision is a school district, notice of the public hearing shall be published not less than ten nor more than twenty days prior to the hearing in a newspaper published in the school district, if any, and if not, then in a newspaper of general circulation in the school district; provided, however, that if the school district has a certified enrollment of less than or equal to one thousand two hundred students in the current school year, then the school district may instead publish notice of the public hearing not less than ten nor more than twenty days prior to the hearing on the school district's internet site, in each attendance center within the school district, and in the school district's central administrative office if the central administrative office is not an attendance center.

Sec. 2. Section 257.18, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

1. An instructional support program that provides additional funding for school districts is established. A board of directors that wishes to consider participating in the instructional support program shall ~~hold a public hearing on the question of participation. The board shall set forth its proposal, including the method that will be used to fund the program, in a resolution and shall publish the notice of the time and place of a public hearing on the resolution. Notice of the time and place of the public hearing shall be published not less than ten nor more than twenty days before the public hearing in a newspaper which is a newspaper of general circulation in the school district. At the hearing, or no later than thirty days after the date of the hearing, the board shall take action to adopt a resolution to participate~~ in the instructional support program that describes the

1 method that will be used to fund the instructional support
2 program for a period not exceeding five years or to direct
3 the county commissioner of elections to submit the question
4 of participation in the program for a period not exceeding
5 ten years to the registered voters of the school district
6 at an election held on a date specified in section 39.2,
7 subsection 4, paragraph "c". If the board submits the question
8 at an election and a majority of those voting on the question
9 favors participation in the program, the board shall adopt
10 a resolution to participate and certify the results of the
11 election to the department of management.

12 Sec. 3. Section 257.29, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
13 to read as follows:

14 1. An educational improvement program is established to
15 provide additional funding for school districts in which
16 the regular program district cost per pupil for a budget
17 year is one hundred ten percent of the regular program state
18 cost per pupil for the budget year and which have approved
19 the use of the instructional support program established in
20 section 257.18. A board of directors that wishes to consider
21 participating in the educational improvement program shall hold
22 a hearing on the question of participation and the maximum
23 percent of the regular program district cost of the district
24 that will be used. The hearing shall be held in the manner
25 provided in [section 257.18, Code 2026](#), for the instructional
26 support program. Following the hearing, the board may direct
27 the county commissioner of elections to submit the question to
28 the registered voters of the school district at an election
29 held on a date specified in [section 39.2, subsection 4](#),
30 paragraph "c". If a majority of those voting on the question
31 favors participation in the program, the board shall adopt a
32 resolution to participate and shall certify the results of the
33 election to the department of management and the district shall
34 participate in the program. If a majority of those voting on
35 the question does not favor participation, the district shall

1 not participate in the program.

2 Sec. 4. Section 279.6, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code 2026,
3 is amended to read as follows:

4 a. Except as provided in paragraph "b" and subsection
5 2, vacancies occurring among the officers or members of a
6 school board shall be filled by the board by appointment. A
7 person so appointed to fill a vacancy in an elective office
8 shall hold office until a successor is elected and qualified
9 at the next regular school election, unless there is an
10 intervening special election for the school district, in which
11 event a successor shall be elected at the intervening special
12 election, in accordance with [section 69.12](#). To fill a vacancy
13 occurring among the members of a school board, the board shall
14 publish notice on the board's internet site and in the manner
15 prescribed by [section 279.36](#), stating that the board intends to
16 fill the vacancy by appointment but that the electors of the
17 school district have the right to file a petition requiring
18 that the vacancy be filled by a special election conducted
19 pursuant to [section 279.7](#). The board may publish notice in
20 advance if a member of the board submits a resignation to take
21 effect at a future date. The board may make an appointment to
22 fill the vacancy after the notice is published or after the
23 vacancy occurs, whichever is later.

24 Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. **279.8C Board of directors — access**
25 **to information.**

26 1. The board of directors of a school district shall have
27 access to and may review any of the following:

28 a. The curriculum associated with any instruction provided
29 to students enrolled in the school district.

30 b. Materials located in a library operated by the school
31 district, including a library located in a classroom.

32 2. A school district shall not prohibit a member of the
33 board of directors of the school district from attending
34 classes taught by teachers employed by the school district
35 to observe classroom instruction, not for the purpose of

1 evaluation, if the member has provided reasonable prior notice
2 to the superintendent and principal of the attendance center
3 in which the classes are taught and to the teacher providing
4 the instruction.

5 3. a. A school district shall not prohibit a member of
6 the board of directors of the school district from accessing
7 materials used in a professional development program that
8 the school district, or an administrator employed by the
9 school district, requires employees of the school district to
10 attend. This paragraph shall not be construed to authorize
11 a member of the board of directors of the school district to
12 access an individual teacher professional development plan
13 developed pursuant to section 284.6 or any materials related
14 to an intensive assistance program a teacher is required to
15 participate in pursuant to section 284.8.

16 b. A school district, or an administrator employed by the
17 school district, shall provide copies of materials used in a
18 professional development program that the school district, or
19 an administrator employed by the school district, requires
20 employees of the school district to attend to a member of the
21 board of directors of the school district upon request. This
22 paragraph shall not be construed to require a school district,
23 or an administrator employed by the school district, to provide
24 copies of an individual teacher professional development plan
25 developed pursuant to section 284.6, or any materials related
26 to an intensive assistance program a teacher is required to
27 participate in pursuant to section 284.8, to a member of the
28 board of directors of the school district.

29 4. For purposes of this section, "*professional development*
30 *program*" means the same as defined in section 256.145.

31 Sec. 6. Section 279.20, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
32 to read as follows:

33 2. The board of directors of a school district may delegate
34 the authority to hire support personnel and sign the support
35 personnel employment contracts, if applicable, if the board

1 adopts a policy authorizing the superintendent to perform
2 such duties and specifying the positions the superintendent
3 is authorized to fill. The board of directors of a school
4 district and the superintendent, if authorized pursuant to
5 this subsection, may use electronic signatures and electronic
6 contracts pursuant to chapter 554D and facsimile signatures
7 when entering into the contracts described in this subsection.
8 For purposes of **this subsection**, the term "*support personnel*"
9 includes, but is not limited to, bus drivers, custodians,
10 educational associates, and clerical and food service
11 employees.

12 Sec. 7. Section 279.35, Code 2026, is amended to read as
13 follows:

14 **279.35 Publication of proceedings.**

15 1. The proceedings of each regular, adjourned, or special
16 meeting of the board, including the schedule of bills allowed,
17 shall be published after the adjournment of the meeting in
18 the manner provided in **this section** and **section 279.36**, and
19 the publication of the schedule of the bills allowed ~~shall~~
20 must include a list of claims allowed, ~~including salary claims~~
21 ~~for services performed~~. The schedule of bills allowed may
22 be published on a once monthly basis in lieu of publication
23 with the proceedings of each meeting of the board. The list
24 of claims allowed ~~shall~~ must include the name of the person
25 or firm making the claim, ~~the purpose of the claim,~~ and
26 the amount of the claim. ~~If the purpose for the claims is~~
27 ~~the same, two~~ Two or more claims made by the same vendor,
28 supplier, or claimant may be consolidated if the number of
29 claims consolidated and the total consolidated claim amount are
30 listed in the statement. However, the board shall provide at
31 its office upon request an unconsolidated list of all claims
32 allowed.

33 2. Salaries paid to individuals regularly employed by the
34 district shall only be published annually on the district's
35 internet site and the publication ~~shall~~ must include the total

1 amount of the annual salary of each employee and must remain
2 on the district's internet site for at least thirty days
3 after publication. The secretary shall ~~furnish a copy of the~~
4 ~~proceedings to be published~~ publish a link to the publication
5 within two weeks following the adjournment of the meeting. The
6 link must be prominently displayed on the district's internet
7 site.

8 Sec. 8. Section 279.41, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
9 to read as follows:

10 2. Notwithstanding [subsection 1](#), the board of directors
11 of a school corporation may take action to deposit moneys
12 received as provided in [subsection 1](#) in any account maintained
13 by the school corporation ~~after holding a public hearing on the~~
14 ~~proposed action of the board.~~ ~~The board shall publish notice~~
15 ~~of the time and place of the public hearing in the same manner~~
16 ~~as required in [section 24.9](#).~~

17 Sec. 9. Section 280.12, subsections 2 and 3, Code 2026,
18 are amended by striking the subsections and inserting in lieu
19 thereof the following:

20 2. Utilize the recommendations of the school improvement
21 advisory committee to determine school district or accredited
22 nonpublic school needs, including but not limited to all of the
23 following:

- 24 a. Major educational needs.
- 25 b. Student learning goals.
- 26 c. Long-range and annual improvement goals.
- 27 d. Desired levels of student performance.
- 28 e. Harassment or bullying prevention goals.

29 3. Monitor school district and accredited nonpublic school
30 progress toward meeting the goals described in subsection 2.

31 Sec. 10. Section 291.1, Code 2026, is amended to read as
32 follows:

33 **291.1 President — duties.**

34 The president of the board of directors shall preside at
35 all of its meetings, sign all contracts made by the board, and

1 appear on behalf of the corporation in all actions brought
2 by or against it, unless individually a party, in which case
3 this duty shall be performed by the secretary. The president
4 or the president's designee shall have the authority to enter
5 into original contracts or electronic contracts pursuant
6 to chapter 554D and sign, using an original ~~or~~ signature,
7 facsimile signature, or an electronic signature, as defined
8 in section 554D.103, all school district payments drawn and
9 authorize electronic funds transfers as provided by law. The
10 board of directors, by resolution, may designate an individual,
11 who shall not be the secretary, to sign payments or authorize
12 electronic funds transfers on behalf of the president pursuant
13 to this section.

14 DIVISION II

15 BOND SALES

16 Sec. 11. Section 75.2, Code 2026, is amended to read as
17 follows:

18 **75.2 Notice of sale.**

19 When public bonds are offered for sale, the official in
20 charge of the bond issue shall, ~~by advertisement published~~
21 ~~at least once, the last one of which shall be not less than~~
22 ~~four nor more than twenty days before the sale in a newspaper~~
23 ~~located in the county or a county contiguous to the place of~~
24 ~~sale, give notice of the time and place of sale of the bonds,~~
25 ~~the amount to be offered for sale, and any further information~~
26 ~~which the official deems pertinent~~ by publishing the time and
27 place of sale of the bonds, the amount to be offered for sale,
28 and any additional information the official deems pertinent
29 to the bond issue not less than four nor more than twenty
30 days before the sale in at least one electronic or written
31 publication with nationwide circulation that is recognized for
32 providing information regarding the sale of public bonds or in
33 a newspaper located in the county or a county contiguous to the
34 place of sale.

35 Sec. 12. Section 75.14, Code 2026, is amended to read as

1 follows:

2 **75.14 Electronic bidding.**

3 Notwithstanding contrary provisions of **this chapter**,
4 including section 75.3, a public body authorized to issue
5 bonds, notes, or other obligations may elect to receive bids to
6 purchase such bonds, notes, or other obligations by means of
7 electronic, internet or wireless communication; a proprietary
8 bidding procedure or system; or by facsimile transmission
9 to a location deemed appropriate by the governing body, in
10 each instance as may be approved by the governing body and
11 provided for in the notice of sale. An electronic bid shall
12 be submitted in substantial conformity with the requirements
13 of **chapter 554D** and any rules adopted pursuant to that chapter
14 with respect to the acceptance of electronic records by a
15 governmental agency. Additionally, before approving the use
16 of an electronic bidding procedure, the public body shall find
17 and determine that the specific procedure to be used will
18 provide reasonable security and maintain the integrity of
19 the competitive bidding process, and facilitate the delivery
20 of bids by interested parties under the circumstances of the
21 particular sale.

22 DIVISION III

23 SCHOOL DISTRICT FUNDS

24 Sec. 13. Section 298A.2, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code
25 2026, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

26 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (02) Teacher salary supplement funds
27 received under section 257.10, subsection 9.

28 Sec. 14. Section 298A.2, subsection 2, paragraph d, Code
29 2026, is amended to read as follows:

30 *d.* Expenditures from the flexibility account shall be
31 approved by resolution of the board of directors of the school
32 corporation and shall be included in the budget certified in
33 accordance with **chapter 24**. ~~Before the board of directors~~
34 ~~may adopt the resolution approving expenditures from the~~
35 ~~flexibility account, the board shall hold a public hearing on~~

1 ~~the proposed resolution.~~ The proposed resolution must state
2 the original source and purpose of the funds, the proposed use
3 of such funds, the amount of the proposed expenditure, and
4 the fiscal year from which the transfer of such funds to the
5 flexibility account occurred. The proposed resolution must
6 also include a certification that the statutory requirements
7 for each original source of the money proposed to be used have
8 been met, have been repealed, or are no longer in effect. The
9 ~~board shall publish notice of the time and the place of the~~
10 ~~public hearing in the same manner as required in [section 24.9](#).~~
11 ~~The department of education shall prescribe the form for public~~
12 ~~hearing notices.~~ A copy of the resolution shall be provided
13 by the board to the department of education and shall be made
14 available by the board for any audit performed under chapter
15 11.

16 Sec. 15. Section 298A.12, subsection 2, Code 2026, is
17 amended to read as follows:

18 2. If the sum of the fees collected under [section 279.49](#) for
19 participation in a before and after school program and other
20 moneys deposited in the fund as the result of the before and
21 after school program exceeds the amount necessary to operate
22 the before and after school program, the excess amount may,
23 ~~following a public hearing,~~ be transferred by resolution of
24 the board of directors of the school corporation for deposit
25 in the general fund of the school corporation to be used for
26 school district general fund purposes. ~~The board shall publish~~
27 ~~notice of the time and the place of the public hearing in~~
28 ~~the same manner as required in [section 24.9](#).~~ The resolution
29 transferring the excess amount shall state the original source
30 and purpose of the funds, the method used to establish fee
31 amounts for the before and after school program under section
32 279.49, subsection 4, the proposed use of such funds, and the
33 amount of the transfer. ~~The department of education shall~~
34 ~~prescribe the form for public hearing notices.~~ The board shall
35 provide a copy of the resolution to the department of education

1 and shall make the resolution available for any audit performed
2 under [chapter 11](#). A transfer under [this subsection](#) does not
3 increase a school district's authorized expenditures as defined
4 in [section 257.7](#).

5 DIVISION IV

6 STATEWIDE SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING

7 Sec. 16. Section 423F.3, subsection 4, Code 2026, is amended
8 to read as follows:

9 4. The revenues received pursuant to [this chapter](#) shall
10 be expended for the purposes specified in the revenue purpose
11 statement. If a board of directors has not approved a revenue
12 purpose statement, the revenues shall be expended in the order
13 listed in [subsection 1](#) except that the payment of bonds for
14 which the revenues have been pledged shall be paid first.
15 Once approved, a revenue purpose statement is effective until
16 amended or repealed by the foregoing procedures. A revenue
17 purpose statement shall not be amended or repealed to reduce
18 the amount of revenue pledged to the payment of principal and
19 interest on bonds as long as any bonds authorized by sections
20 423E.5 and [423F.4](#) are outstanding unless funds sufficient
21 to pay principal, interest, and premium, if any, on the
22 outstanding obligations at or prior to maturity have been
23 properly set aside and pledged for that purpose. A school
24 district affected by a reorganization under chapter 275 that
25 has issued bonds under section 423E.5, Code 2023, or section
26 423F.4 and that has not approved a revenue purpose statement
27 shall first use revenues to make timely and sufficient payment
28 of principal and interest, and premium if applicable, on the
29 outstanding bonds.

30 Sec. 17. Section 423F.4, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code
31 2026, is amended to read as follows:

32 a. Bonds issued on or after July 1, 2019, shall not be
33 sold at public sale as provided in [chapter 75](#), or at a private
34 sale, without notice and hearing. Notice of the time and
35 place of the public hearing shall be published not less than

1 ~~ten~~ four nor more than twenty days before the public hearing
2 ~~in a newspaper which is a newspaper of general circulation~~
3 ~~in the school district~~ at least one electronic or written
4 publication with nationwide circulation that is recognized for
5 providing information regarding the sale of public bonds or
6 in a newspaper located in the county or a county contiguous
7 to the place of sale. This paragraph does not apply to the
8 refinancing of bonds.

9 DIVISION V

10 OPEN ENROLLMENT

11 Sec. 18. Section 282.18, subsection 17, Code 2026, is
12 amended by striking the subsection.

13 Sec. 19. APPLICABILITY. This division of this Act applies
14 to applications and notifications related to open enrollment
15 submitted under section 282.18 on or after the effective date
16 of this division of this Act.

17 DIVISION VI

18 COUNTY CONFERENCE BOARD

19 Sec. 20. Section 441.2, Code 2026, is amended to read as
20 follows:

21 **441.2 Conference board.**

22 In each county and each city having an assessor there
23 shall be established a conference board. In counties the
24 conference board shall consist of the mayors or a designated
25 member of a city council of all incorporated cities in the
26 county whose property is assessed by the county assessor; one
27 representative from the board of directors of each high school
28 district ~~of~~ containing a high school in the county, who is a
29 resident of the county, ~~said board of directors appointing said~~
30 ~~representative for a one-year term and notifying the clerk of~~
31 ~~the conference board as to their representative; and members~~
32 of the board of supervisors. In cities having an assessor
33 the conference board shall consist of the members of the city
34 council, ~~school board~~ the board of directors of each school
35 district containing a high school in the city, and county board

1 of supervisors. In the counties the chairperson of the board
 2 of supervisors shall act as chairperson of the conference
 3 board, in cities having an assessor the mayor of the city
 4 council shall act as chairperson of the conference board. In
 5 any action taken by the conference board, the mayors of all
 6 incorporated cities in the county whose property is assessed
 7 by the county assessor shall constitute one voting unit, the
 8 members of the ~~city board of education~~ board of directors of
 9 each school district containing a high school in the city or
 10 one representative from the board of directors of each high
 11 school district containing a high school in the county shall
 12 constitute one voting unit, the members of the city council
 13 shall constitute one voting unit, and the county board of
 14 supervisors shall constitute one voting unit, each unit having
 15 a single vote and no action shall be valid except by the vote of
 16 not less than two out of the three units. In any action taken
 17 by the conference board, if a city or a county contains only
 18 one school district containing a high school, the members of
 19 or the representative of the board of directors of the school
 20 district, as applicable, shall constitute one voting unit.
 21 The majority vote of the members present of each unit shall
 22 determine the vote of the unit. The assessor shall be clerk of
 23 the conference board.

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EXPLANATION

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

27 This bill relates to entities supported in whole or in part
 28 by taxation, including by modifying provisions related to the
 29 duties and responsibilities of the directors and officers of
 30 school boards, school improvement advisory committees, the sale
 31 of public bonds, statewide school infrastructure funding, open
 32 enrollment, and the membership and voting units of county and
 33 city conference boards.

34 DIVISION I — SCHOOL BOARD AND OFFICERS — DUTIES AND
 35 RESPONSIBILITIES. Current law requires each political

1 subdivision to set a time and place for a public hearing on
2 the political subdivision's proposed property tax amount for
3 the budget year. Under current law, school districts are
4 required to publish such notice not less than 10 nor more than
5 20 days prior to the hearing in a newspaper published in the
6 school district, if any, and if not, then in a newspaper of
7 general circulation in the school district. The bill provides
8 that if the school district has a certified enrollment of less
9 than or equal to 1,200 students in the current school year,
10 then the school district may instead publish notice of the
11 public hearing not less than 10 nor more than 20 days prior
12 to the hearing on the school district's internet site, in
13 each attendance center within the school district, and in the
14 school district's central administrative office if the central
15 administrative office is not an attendance center.

16 Current law requires the board of directors of a school
17 district that wishes to consider participating in the
18 instructional support program established pursuant to Code
19 section 257.18 to hold a public hearing on the question of
20 participation. The board strikes this provision.

21 Code section 279.6 provides a process to fill vacancies
22 occurring among the members of a school board. This process
23 requires, among other things, the publication in a newspaper
24 of notice stating that the board intends to fill the vacancy
25 by appointment. The bill requires notice to be provided by
26 publication on the board's internet site as well.

27 The bill authorizes the board of directors of a school
28 district to have access to and review the curriculum associated
29 with any instruction provided to students enrolled in the
30 school district, and materials located in a library operated
31 by the school district.

32 The bill provides that a school district shall not prohibit
33 a member of the board of directors of the school district from
34 attending classes taught by teachers employed by the school
35 district to observe classroom instruction if the member has

1 provided reasonable prior notice to the superintendent, the
2 principal, and the teacher providing the instruction.

3 The bill provides that a school district shall not prohibit
4 a member of the board of directors of the school district
5 from accessing materials used in a professional development
6 program that the school district, or an administrator employed
7 by the school district, requires employees of the school
8 district to attend. The bill requires a school district, or
9 an administrator employed by the school district, to provide
10 copies of materials used in a professional development program
11 that the school district, or an administrator employed by the
12 school district, requires employees of the school district to
13 attend to a member of the board of directors of the school
14 district upon request.

15 The bill defines "professional development program" to mean
16 a course or program which is offered by a person or agency for
17 the purpose of providing continuing education for the renewal
18 or upgrading of a practitioner's license.

19 The bill authorizes the board of directors of a school
20 district and the superintendent, in certain specified
21 circumstances, to use electronic signatures and electronic
22 contracts pursuant to Code chapter 554D (electronic
23 transactions) and facsimile signatures when entering into
24 contracts to hire support personnel.

25 Current law requires the proceedings of each meeting of the
26 board of directors of a school district, including the schedule
27 of bills allowed, to be published after the adjournment of the
28 meeting. Under current law, the publication of the schedule
29 of the bills allowed shall include a list of claims allowed,
30 including salary claims for services performed. The bill
31 modifies this provision to provide that the schedule of the
32 bills allowed must include only a list of claims allowed. The
33 bill provides that the list of claims allowed must include the
34 name of the person or firm making the claim and the amount
35 of the claim. The bill also provides that salaries paid to

1 individuals employed by the school district shall only be
2 published annually on the district's internet site and the
3 publication must include the total amount of the annual salary
4 of each employee and must remain on the district's internet
5 site for at least 30 days after publication. The secretary is
6 required to publish a link to the publication within two weeks
7 following the adjournment of the meeting. The link must be
8 prominently displayed on the school district's internet site.

9 Current law requires the board of directors of a school
10 district to take action to deposit moneys received under Code
11 section 279.41(1) (schoolhouses and sites sold — funds) in
12 any account maintained by the school district after holding a
13 public hearing on the proposed action of the board. The bill
14 strikes the requirement to hold a public meeting.

15 The bill modifies provisions related to the duties of school
16 improvement advisory committees, including by requiring school
17 improvement advisory committees to monitor school district and
18 accredited nonpublic school progress toward meeting certain
19 specified goals.

20 The bill authorizes the president of the board of directors
21 of a school district, or the president's designee, to enter
22 into original contracts or electronic contracts pursuant to
23 Code chapter 554D and sign, using an original, facsimile, or
24 electronic signature, all school district payments drawn and
25 authorize electronic funds transfers as provided by law.

26 DIVISION II — BOND SALES. Current law provides that when
27 public bonds are offered for sale, the official in charge
28 of the bond issue shall give notice of the time and place
29 of sale, the amount to be offered for sale, and any further
30 information which the official deems pertinent by publishing
31 an advertisement in a newspaper. The bill modifies this
32 provision to require the official in charge of the bond issue
33 to give notice of the sale by publishing the time and place of
34 sale, the amount to be offered for sale, and any additional
35 information the official deems pertinent to the bond issue in

1 at least one electronic or written publication with nationwide
2 circulation that is recognized for providing information
3 regarding the sale of public bonds or in a newspaper located in
4 the county or a county contiguous to the place of sale.

5 Code section 75.14 provides that, notwithstanding contrary
6 provisions of Code chapter 75 (authorization and sale of public
7 bonds), a public body authorized to issue bonds or other
8 obligations may elect to receive bids to purchase such bonds
9 or other obligations by means of electronic communication, a
10 proprietary bidding procedure, or by facsimile transmission to
11 a location deemed appropriate by the governing body. The bill
12 adds a reference to Code section 75.3 (sealed and open bids) to
13 the notwithstanding provision.

14 DIVISION III — SCHOOL DISTRICT FUNDS. The bill authorizes
15 school districts to transfer all or a portion of the unexpended
16 and unobligated teacher salary supplement funds to the school
17 district's flexibility account within the general fund.
18 Current law requires that before the board of directors
19 of a school district may adopt a resolution approving the
20 expenditures from the flexibility account, the board must hold
21 a public hearing on the proposed resolution. The bill strikes
22 this requirement.

23 Current law requires that if the sum of the fees collected
24 under Code section 279.49 (child care programs) for
25 participation in a before and after school program and other
26 moneys deposited in the child care fund as the result of the
27 before and after school program exceeds the amount necessary to
28 operate the before and after school program, the excess amount
29 may be transferred by resolution of the board of directors
30 of the school corporation for deposit in the general fund of
31 the school corporation to be used for school district general
32 fund purposes, following a public hearing. The bill strikes
33 the requirement that a public hearing be held prior to this
34 transfer.

35 DIVISION IV — STATEWIDE SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING. The

1 bill requires a school district affected by a reorganization
2 that has issued bonds under Code section 423E.5 (school
3 infrastructure funding formula — bonding), Code 2023, or Code
4 section 423F.4 (borrowing authority for school districts) and
5 that has not approved a revenue purpose statement to first use
6 revenues to make timely and sufficient payment of principal and
7 interest and premium, if applicable, on the outstanding bonds.

8 The bill provides that bonds issued under Code chapter 423
9 (statewide school infrastructure funding) on or after July
10 1, 2019, shall not be sold at public sale or private sale,
11 without notice and hearing, and notice of the time and place
12 of the public hearing shall be published not less than 4 nor
13 more than 20 days before the public hearing in at least one
14 electronic or written publication with nationwide circulation
15 that is recognized for providing information regarding the sale
16 of public bonds or in a newspaper located in the county or a
17 county contiguous to the place of sale. The bill provides that
18 this provision does not apply to the refinancing of bonds.

19 DIVISION V — OPEN ENROLLMENT. Current Code section
20 282.18(17) provides that the deadlines associated with the
21 submission of open enrollment applications and notifications
22 do not apply to a child whose parent or guardian is filing a
23 notification that the parent or guardian intends to open enroll
24 the child in a public school in another school district for
25 purposes of receiving full-time instruction under Code section
26 265.43 (online learning program model). The bill strikes this
27 provision. The bill applies to applications and notifications
28 related to open enrollment that are submitted on or after the
29 effective date of the division. Under current Code section
30 282.18 (open enrollment), a parent or guardian is required to
31 send notification to the district of residence that the parent
32 or guardian intends to enroll the parent's or guardian's child
33 in a public school in another school district by March 1 of the
34 preceding school year for students entering grades 1 through
35 12, or by September 1 of the current school year for students

1 entering kindergarten or for prekindergarten students enrolled
2 in special education programs and included in the school
3 district's basic enrollment.

4 DIVISION VI — COUNTY CONFERENCE BOARDS. Current law
5 provides that each county and each city having an assessor
6 shall have a conference board. Current law also provides
7 that in counties, the conference board shall consist of
8 the mayors of all incorporated cities in the county whose
9 property is assessed by the county assessor, one representative
10 from the board of directors of each high school district of
11 the county, who is a resident of the county, said board of
12 directors appointing said representative for a one-year term
13 and notifying the clerk of the conference board as to their
14 representative, and members of the board of supervisors. The
15 bill modifies this provision to require that the conference
16 board consist of the mayors or a designated member of a city
17 council. The bill also modifies this provision by replacing
18 references to high school districts with references to school
19 districts containing a high school.

20 The bill strikes the requirement that the board of directors
21 of a high school district appoint a representative for a
22 one-year term and notify the clerk of the conference board as
23 to the identity of the representative.

24 The bill provides that, in any action taken by the conference
25 board, if a city or a county contains only one school district
26 containing a high school, the members of or the representative
27 of the board of directors of the school district, as
28 applicable, shall constitute one voting unit.