

**House Study Bill 778 - Introduced**

HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
APPROPRIATIONS BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON MOHR)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to and making appropriations to the education  
2 system, including the funding and operation of the  
3 department for the blind, department of education, state  
4 board of regents, and department of workforce development,  
5 and modifying provisions related to the Iowa special  
6 education council, the school budget review committee,  
7 and the calculation of basic enrollment, and including  
8 applicability provisions.

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

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DIVISION I

FY 2026-2027 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, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, 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	103.74

DIVISION II

FY 2026-2027 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, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

1. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

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

.....	\$	7,073,808
.....	FTEs	71.87

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	10.80

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 ..... \$ 8,165,236

3 ..... FTEs 53.20

4 4. CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

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

8 ..... \$ 2,952,459

9 5. SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE

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

14 ..... \$ 2,176,797

15 ..... FTEs 27.83

16 6. BIRTH TO AGE THREE SERVICES

17 a. For expansion of the federal Individuals with  
18 Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004, Pub. L. No.  
19 108-446, as amended to January 1, 2018, birth through age three  
20 services due to increased numbers of children qualifying for  
21 those services:

22 ..... \$ 1,721,400

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

28 7. EARLY HEAD START PROJECTS

29 a. For early head start projects:

30 ..... \$ 574,500

31 b. The moneys appropriated in this subsection shall be  
32 used for implementation and expansion of early head start  
33 pilot projects addressing the comprehensive cognitive, social,  
34 emotional, and developmental needs of children from birth to  
35 age three, including prenatal support for qualified families.

1 The projects shall promote healthy prenatal outcomes and  
2 healthy family functioning, and strengthen the development of  
3 infants and toddlers in low-income families. Priority shall be  
4 given to those organizations that have previously qualified for  
5 and received state funding to administer an early head start  
6 project.

7 8. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND TEACHER QUALITY PROGRAM

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

11 .....	\$	2,990,467
12 .....	FTEs	5.83

13 9. STATEWIDE STUDENT ASSESSMENT

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

19 .....	\$	3,000,000
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20 b. From the moneys appropriated in this subsection, not more  
21 than \$300,000 shall be distributed to the Iowa testing programs  
22 within the state university of Iowa college of education  
23 to offset the costs of administering the statewide student  
24 assessment at accredited nonpublic schools.

25 10. STATEWIDE CLEARINGHOUSE TO EXPAND WORK-BASED LEARNING

26 For support costs associated with the creation of a  
27 statewide clearinghouse to expand work-based learning:

28 .....	\$	300,000
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29 11. POSTSECONDARY SUMMER CLASSES FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS  
30 PROGRAM

31 For support costs associated with the creation of a program  
32 to provide additional moneys for resident high school pupils  
33 enrolled in grades 9 through 12 to attend a community college  
34 for college-level classes or attend a class taught by a  
35 community college-employed instructor during the summer and

1 outside of the regular school year through a contractual  
2 agreement between a community college and a school district:  
3 ..... \$ 600,000

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

10 12. JOBS FOR AMERICA'S GRADUATES

11 For school districts to reinforce collaborative efforts and  
12 regional initiatives that accelerate work-based learning and  
13 credential attainment, and to provide direct career education  
14 services to identified middle school or high school students  
15 enrolled in school districts through direct instruction by a  
16 jobs for America's graduates specialist:

17 ..... \$ 9,946,450

18 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys received by the  
19 department pursuant to this subsection that remain unencumbered  
20 or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert  
21 but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes  
22 specified in this subsection until the close of the succeeding  
23 fiscal year.

24 13. ATTENDANCE CENTER PERFORMANCE/GENERAL INTERNET SITE AND  
25 DATA SYSTEM SUPPORT

26 For administration of a process for school districts to  
27 establish specific performance goals and to evaluate the  
28 performance of each attendance center operated by the district  
29 in order to arrive at an overall school performance grade and  
30 report card for each attendance center, for internet site  
31 and data system support, and for not more than the following  
32 full-time equivalent positions:

33 ..... \$ 250,000  
34 ..... FTEs 1.60

35 14. SUCCESSFUL PROGRESSION FOR EARLY READERS

1 For distribution to school districts for implementation  
2 of [section 279.68, subsection 2](#), relating to successful  
3 progression for early readers:  
4 ..... \$ 7,824,782

5 15. EARLY WARNING SYSTEM FOR LITERACY

6 a. For purposes of purchasing a statewide license for an  
7 early warning assessment and administering the early warning  
8 system for literacy established in accordance with section  
9 279.68 and rules adopted in accordance with section 256.7,  
10 subsection 31:  
11 ..... \$ 1,915,000

12 b. The department shall administer and distribute to school  
13 districts and accredited nonpublic schools the early warning  
14 assessment system that allows teachers to screen and monitor  
15 student literacy skills from prekindergarten through grade  
16 six. The department may charge school districts and accredited  
17 nonpublic schools a fee for the system not to exceed the actual  
18 costs to purchase a statewide license for the early warning  
19 assessment minus the moneys received by the department under  
20 this subsection. The fee shall be determined by dividing the  
21 actual remaining costs to purchase the statewide license for  
22 the school year by the number of pupils assessed under the  
23 system in the current fiscal year. School districts may use  
24 moneys received pursuant to [section 257.10, subsection 11](#), and  
25 moneys received for purposes of implementing section 279.68,  
26 subsection 2, to pay the early warning assessment system fee.

27 16. IOWA READING RESEARCH CENTER

28 a. For purposes of the Iowa reading research center in  
29 order to implement, in collaboration with the area education  
30 agencies, the provisions of [section 256.9, subsection 49](#),  
31 paragraph "c":  
32 ..... \$ 1,500,000

33 b. From moneys appropriated in this subsection, not more  
34 than \$250,000 shall be used for collaborations with the state  
35 board of education relating to the approval of practitioner

1 preparation programs pursuant to [section 256.7, subsection 3,](#)  
2 paragraph "c", and with the board of educational examiners for  
3 the establishment and continuing oversight of the advanced  
4 dyslexia specialist endorsement pursuant to [section 256.146,](#)  
5 subsection 21. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and  
6 ending June 30, 2027, the center shall submit a report to the  
7 general assembly detailing the expenditures of moneys used for  
8 purposes of this paragraph "b".

9 c. Notwithstanding [section 8.33,](#) moneys received by the  
10 department pursuant to this subsection that remain unencumbered  
11 or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert  
12 but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes  
13 specified in this subsection until the close of the succeeding  
14 fiscal year.

15 17. COMPUTER SCIENCE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE  
16 FUND

17 For deposit in the computer science professional development  
18 incentive fund established in [section 284.6A:](#)

19 ..... \$ 500,000

20 18. CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH SCHOOL-BASED TRAINING AND  
21 SUPPORT

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

25 ..... \$ 1,899,682

26 b. Of the moneys appropriated in this subsection for  
27 distribution to area education agencies, \$200,000 shall be  
28 used for purposes of implementing a children's grief and loss  
29 rural pilot program to serve Iowa children in rural school  
30 districts or accredited nonpublic schools. The pilot program  
31 shall be administered by, and the moneys allocated pursuant to  
32 this paragraph shall be distributed to, an existing statewide  
33 not-for-profit health care organization that currently provides  
34 grief and loss services to children. For the fiscal year  
35 beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the health

1 care organization receiving moneys pursuant to this paragraph  
2 shall prepare a report, in collaboration with the department  
3 of education, detailing the expenditures of moneys used for  
4 the purposes of this program and its outcomes, which shall be  
5 submitted to the general assembly by September 30, 2027.

6 19. BEST BUDDIES IOWA

7 a. For school districts to create opportunities for  
8 one-to-one friendships, integrated employment, and leadership  
9 development for students with intellectual and developmental  
10 disabilities:

11 ..... \$ 35,000

12 b. The department of education shall establish criteria for  
13 the distribution of moneys appropriated under this subsection  
14 and shall require an organization receiving moneys under this  
15 subsection to annually report student identifying data for  
16 students participating in the program to the department in the  
17 manner prescribed by the department as a condition of receiving  
18 such moneys.

19 20. MIDWESTERN HIGHER EDUCATION COMPACT

20 For distribution to the midwestern higher education compact  
21 to pay Iowa's member state annual obligation:

22 ..... \$ 118,450

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

28 21. NONPUBLIC SCHOOL CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT PAYMENTS TO  
29 COMMUNITY COLLEGES

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

33 ..... \$ 1,000,000

34 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 designated until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

4 22. COMMUNITY COLLEGES

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

7 ..... \$247,008,533

8 23. IOWA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

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

12 ..... \$ 12,813,313

13 ..... FTEs 102.85

14 24. IOWA EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY  
15 IMPAIRED PROGRAM

16 For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous  
17 purposes, and for not more than the following full-time  
18 equivalent positions:

19 ..... \$ 5,112,412

20 ..... FTEs 68.72

21 25. SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS  
22 (STEM) COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVE

23 For purposes of the science, technology, engineering, and  
24 mathematics (STEM) collaborative initiative established in  
25 section 256.111, and for not more than the following full-time  
26 equivalent positions:

27 ..... \$ 6,310,409

28 ..... FTEs 5.00

29 a. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the  
30 moneys appropriated in this subsection shall be expended for  
31 salaries, staffing, institutional support, activities directly  
32 related to recruitment of kindergarten through grade 12  
33 mathematics and science teachers, and for ongoing mathematics  
34 and science programming for students enrolled in kindergarten  
35 through grade 12.

1 b. The department shall work with the community colleges to  
2 develop STEM professional development programs for community  
3 college instructors and STEM curriculum development.

4 c. From the moneys appropriated in this subsection, not less  
5 than \$500,000 shall be used to provide technology education  
6 opportunities to high school, career academy, and community  
7 college students through a public-private partnership, as  
8 well as opportunities for students and faculties at these  
9 institutions to secure broad-based information technology  
10 certification. The partnership must provide all of the  
11 following:

- 12 (1) A research-based curriculum.
- 13 (2) Online access to the curriculum.
- 14 (3) Instructional software for classroom and student use.
- 15 (4) Certification of skills and competencies in a broad base  
16 of information technology-related skill areas.
- 17 (5) Professional development for teachers.
- 18 (6) Deployment and program support, including but not  
19 limited to integration with current curriculum standards.

20 d. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), of the moneys appropriated  
21 in this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at  
22 the close of the fiscal year, an amount equivalent to not more  
23 than 5 percent of the amount appropriated in this subsection  
24 shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure for  
25 summer programs for students until the close of the succeeding  
26 fiscal year.

27 26. THERAPEUTIC CLASSROOM INCENTIVE FUND

28 For deposit in the therapeutic classroom incentive fund  
29 established in [section 256.25](#):

30 ..... \$ 2,351,382

31 27. ONLINE STATE JOB POSTING SYSTEM

32 For purposes of administering an online state job posting  
33 system that allows the department of education, school  
34 districts, charter schools, area education agencies, and  
35 accredited nonpublic schools to post job openings on an

1 internet site:  
2 ..... \$ 265,000

3 28. LEAD-K PROGRAM  
4 For purposes of developing guidelines for a comprehensive  
5 family support mentoring program that meets the language and  
6 communication needs of families pursuant to section 256.106:  
7 ..... \$ 200,000

8 29. DIVISION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION  
9 For general supervision, oversight, compliance, employee  
10 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes  
11 within the area education agency regions and the department  
12 of education main office, and for not more than the following  
13 full-time equivalent positions:  
14 ..... \$ 10,000,000  
15 ..... FTEs 60.00

16 30. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
17 For purposes of providing required professional development  
18 to public and nonpublic schools:  
19 ..... \$ 1,676,458

20 31. COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION  
21 a. Administration  
22 For general administration salaries, support, maintenance,  
23 and miscellaneous purposes, and for the administration of the  
24 future ready Iowa skilled workforce last-dollar scholarship  
25 program in accordance with section 256.228, including salaries,  
26 support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes related to the  
27 future ready Iowa skilled workforce last-dollar scholarship  
28 program, and for not more than the following full-time  
29 equivalent positions:  
30 ..... \$ 591,533  
31 ..... FTEs 4.95

32 b. National guard service scholarship program  
33 For purposes of providing national guard service  
34 scholarships under the program established in section 256.210:  
35 ..... \$ 6,600,000

- 1 c. All Iowa opportunity scholarship program
- 2 (1) For deposit in the all Iowa opportunity scholarship fund
- 3 created in section 256.212:
- 4 ..... \$ 3,229,468
- 5 (2) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, if the
- 6 moneys appropriated in this lettered paragraph exceed \$500,000,
- 7 "eligible institution" as defined in section 256.212 shall,
- 8 during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, include
- 9 accredited private institutions as defined in section 256.183.
- 10 d. Teach Iowa scholar program
- 11 For deposit in the teach Iowa scholar fund established in
- 12 section 256.218:
- 13 ..... \$ 1,041,361
- 14 e. Health care professional incentive program
- 15 For deposit in the health care professional incentive
- 16 program fund created in section 256.222:
- 17 ..... \$ 7,985,911
- 18 f. Rural veterinarian loan repayment program
- 19 For deposit in the rural veterinary care trust fund created
- 20 in section 256.226:
- 21 ..... \$ 700,000
- 22 g. Future ready Iowa skilled workforce last-dollar
- 23 scholarship program
- 24 For deposit in the future ready Iowa skilled workforce
- 25 last-dollar scholarship fund created in section 256.228:
- 26 ..... \$ 23,927,005
- 27 h. Future ready Iowa skilled workforce grant program
- 28 For deposit in the future ready Iowa skilled workforce grant
- 29 fund created in section 256.229:
- 30 ..... \$ 425,000
- 31 i. Iowa workforce grant and incentive program
- 32 For deposit in the Iowa workforce grant and incentive
- 33 program fund created in section 256.230:
- 34 ..... \$ 6,500,000
- 35 j. Court reporter equipment grant program

1 For deposit in the court reporter equipment grant program  
2 fund created in section 256.231:  
3 ..... \$ 50,000

4 Sec. 3. IOWA SKILLED WORKER AND JOB CREATION FUND  
5 APPROPRIATIONS. There is appropriated from the Iowa skilled  
6 worker and job creation fund created in [section 8.57J](#) to the  
7 department of education for the fiscal year beginning July  
8 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following amounts, or  
9 so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes  
10 designated:

11 1. For purposes of providing skilled workforce shortage  
12 tuition grants in accordance with section 256.227:  
13 ..... \$ 5,000,000

14 2. For deposit in the workforce training and economic  
15 development funds created pursuant to section 260C.18A:  
16 ..... \$ 15,100,000

17 From the moneys appropriated in this subsection, not  
18 more than \$100,000 shall be used by the department for  
19 administration of the workforce training and economic  
20 development funds created pursuant to [section 260C.18A](#).

21 3. a. For capital projects at community colleges that meet  
22 the definition of the term "vertical infrastructure" in section  
23 8.57, subsection 3, paragraph "c":  
24 ..... \$ 6,000,000

25 b. Moneys appropriated in this subsection shall be  
26 disbursed pursuant to [section 260G.6, subsection 3](#). Projects  
27 that qualify for moneys appropriated in this subsection must  
28 include at least one of the following:

29 (1) Workforce infrastructure program capital projects.  
30 (2) Major renovations and major repair needs, including  
31 health, life, and fire safety needs, including compliance with  
32 the federal Americans with Disabilities Act.

33 4. For deposit in the pathways for academic career and  
34 employment fund created in [section 260H.2](#):  
35 ..... \$ 4,800,000

1 5. For deposit in the gap tuition assistance fund  
2 established in [section 260I.2](#):  
3 ..... \$ 2,000,000

4 6. For support costs associated with administering a  
5 workforce preparation outcome reporting system for the purpose  
6 of collecting and reporting data relating to the educational  
7 and employment outcomes of workforce preparation programs  
8 receiving moneys pursuant to this section:  
9 ..... \$ 75,000

10 7. For STEM best:  
11 ..... \$ 700,000

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

17 Sec. 4. CHIROPRACTIC LOAN FUNDS. Notwithstanding section  
18 256.204, the moneys deposited in the chiropractic loan  
19 revolving fund created in section 256.204 for the fiscal year  
20 beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, may be used  
21 for purposes of the chiropractic loan forgiveness program  
22 established in section 256.205.

23 Sec. 5. PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS. The department of  
24 administrative services shall pay the Iowa school for the deaf  
25 and the Iowa educational services for the blind and visually  
26 impaired program the moneys collected from the counties during  
27 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, for expenses relating  
28 to prescription drug costs for students attending the Iowa  
29 school for the deaf and the Iowa educational services for the  
30 blind and visually impaired program.

31 DIVISION III

32 FY 2026-2027 APPROPRIATIONS — STATE BOARD OF REGENTS

33 Sec. 6. GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS. There is appropriated  
34 from the general fund of the state to the state board of  
35 regents for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending

1 June 30, 2027, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is  
2 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

3 1. OFFICE OF STATE BOARD OF REGENTS

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

7 .....	\$	764,642
8 .....	FTEs	2.48

9 For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June  
10 30, 2027, the state board of regents shall submit a quarterly  
11 financial report to the general assembly in a format agreed  
12 upon by the state board of regents office and the legislative  
13 services agency. The report submitted for the quarter ending  
14 December 31, 2026, must include the five-year graduation rates  
15 for the regents universities.

16 b. For distribution to the western Iowa regents resource  
17 center:

18 .....	\$	268,297
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19 c. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending  
20 June 30, 2027, the state board of regents and the institutions  
21 of higher learning governed by the state board of regents  
22 shall not reduce moneys budgeted for the fiscal year for the  
23 institutions' police departments.

24 d. For allocation in equal parts by the state board of  
25 regents to the state university of Iowa, the Iowa state  
26 university of science and technology, and the university  
27 of northern Iowa to support the John Pappajohn centers for  
28 entrepreneurship:

29 .....	\$	125,000
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30 The moneys appropriated in this lettered paragraph shall be  
31 used to supplement, not supplant, any other funding received by  
32 the John Pappajohn centers for entrepreneurship.

33 2. STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

34 a. General university

35 For salaries, support, maintenance, equipment, financial

1 aid, and miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the  
2 following full-time equivalent positions:

3 ..... \$223,496,355  
4 ..... FTEs 5,058.32

5 b. Oakdale campus

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

9 ..... \$ 2,103,819  
10 ..... FTEs 38.25

11 c. State hygienic laboratory

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

15 ..... \$ 4,822,610  
16 ..... FTEs 102.51

17 d. Family practice program

18 For allocation by the dean of the college of medicine, with  
19 approval of the advisory board, to qualified participants  
20 to carry out the provisions of [chapter 148D](#) for the family  
21 practice residency education program, including salaries  
22 and support, and for not more than the following full-time  
23 equivalent positions:

24 ..... \$ 2,220,598  
25 ..... FTEs 2.71

26 e. Child health care services

27 For specialized child health care services, including  
28 childhood cancer diagnostic and treatment network programs,  
29 rural comprehensive care for hemophilia patients, and the  
30 Iowa high-risk infant follow-up program, including salaries  
31 and support, and for not more than the following full-time  
32 equivalent positions:

33 ..... \$ 634,502  
34 ..... FTEs 4.16

35 f. Statewide cancer registry

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

3 ..... \$ 143,410  
4 ..... FTEs 2.10

5 g. Substance abuse consortium

6 For distribution to the Iowa consortium for substance abuse  
7 research and evaluation, and for not more than the following  
8 full-time equivalent positions:

9 ..... \$ 53,427  
10 ..... FTEs .99

11 h. Center for biocatalysis

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

14 ..... \$ 696,342  
15 ..... FTEs 6.28

16 i. Primary health care initiative

17 For the primary health care initiative in the college  
18 of medicine, and for not more than the following full-time  
19 equivalent positions:

20 ..... \$ 624,374  
21 ..... FTEs 6.22

22 From the moneys appropriated in this lettered paragraph,  
23 \$254,889 shall be allocated to the department of family  
24 practice at the state university of Iowa college of medicine  
25 for family practice faculty and support staff.

26 j. Birth defects registry

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

29 ..... \$ 36,839  
30 ..... FTEs .38

31 k. Larned A. Waterman Iowa nonprofit resource center

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

35 ..... \$ 156,389

1 ..... FTEs 2.75

2 1. Iowa online advanced placement academy science,

3 technology, engineering, and mathematics initiative

4 For the Iowa online advanced placement academy science,

5 technology, engineering, and mathematics initiative established

6 in [section 263.8A](#):

7 ..... \$ 463,616

8 m. Iowa flood center

9 For the Iowa flood center for use by the university's college

10 of engineering pursuant to [section 466C.1](#):

11 ..... \$ 1,205,593

12 n. College of nursing

13 For employing additional instructors in the college of

14 nursing to increase the number of students who graduate from

15 the college of nursing:

16 ..... \$ 2,800,000

17 o. Pediatric cancer research

18 For purposes of pediatric cancer research, including but

19 not limited to laboratory research and clinical trials at the

20 university of Iowa hospitals and clinics:

21 ..... \$ 3,000,000

22 p. Center for intellectual freedom

23 For purposes of supporting the center for intellectual

24 freedom established in section 263C.2:

25 ..... \$ 1,000,000

26 3. IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

27 For salaries, support, maintenance, equipment, financial

28 aid, and miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the

29 following full-time equivalent positions:

30 ..... \$229,864,938

31 ..... FTEs 4,062.34

32 4. UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA

33 a. General university

34 For salaries, support, maintenance, equipment, financial

35 aid, and miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the

1 following full-time equivalent positions:

2 ..... \$101,894,146

3 ..... FTEs 1,250.28

4 b. Real estate education program

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

7 ..... \$ 123,523

8 ..... FTEs .86

9 c. Educators for Iowa

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

13 ..... \$ 1,500,000

14 d. Center for civic education

15 For purposes of establishing and operating a center for  
16 civic education that promotes the values of free speech,  
17 civic leadership, public service, and citizenship, and  
18 that enhances civic education among students enrolled in  
19 colleges and universities in this state, students enrolled  
20 in prekindergarten through grade twelve in schools in this  
21 state, teachers, and the public by developing and implementing  
22 effective civic learning strategies, encouraging respectful  
23 dialogue, and offering educational resources related to free  
24 speech and civic knowledge:

25 ..... \$ 1,000,000

26 Sec. 7. ENERGY COST-SAVINGS PROJECTS — FINANCING. For  
27 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30,  
28 2027, the state board of regents may use notes, bonds, or  
29 other evidences of indebtedness issued under [section 262.48](#) to  
30 finance projects that will result in energy cost savings in an  
31 amount that will cause the state board to recover the cost of  
32 the projects within an average of six years.

33 DIVISION IV

34 STANDING APPROPRIATIONS

35 Sec. 8. AT-RISK CHILDREN. Notwithstanding the standing

1 appropriation in section 279.51 for the fiscal year beginning  
2 July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the amount appropriated  
3 from the general fund of the state to the department of  
4 education for programs for at-risk children under section  
5 279.51 shall not be more than \$10,524,389. The amount of any  
6 reduction in this section shall be prorated among the programs  
7 specified in section 279.51, subsection 1, paragraphs "a", "b",  
8 and "c".

9     Sec. 9. WORK-STUDY APPROPRIATION. Notwithstanding section  
10 256.209, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and  
11 ending June 30, 2027, the amount appropriated from the general  
12 fund of the state to the college student aid commission of  
13 the department of education for the work-study program under  
14 section 256.209 shall be zero.

15                                   DIVISION V

16                                   IOWA TUITION GRANTS

17     Sec. 10. Section 256.183, subsection 3, Code 2026, is  
18 amended to read as follows:

19     3. "*Eligible institution*" means an institution of higher  
20 learning located in Iowa which is operated privately and  
21 not controlled or administered by any state agency or any  
22 subdivision of the state, which is not exempt from taxation  
23 under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and  
24 which meets all of the criteria in subsection 1, paragraphs  
25 "d" through "k", and is a school of barbering and cosmetology  
26 arts and sciences licensed under chapter 157 and is accredited  
27 by a national accrediting agency recognized by the United  
28 States department of education. ~~For the fiscal year beginning~~  
29 ~~July 1, 2017, such a school of barbering and cosmetology arts~~  
30 ~~and sciences shall provide a matching aggregate amount of~~  
31 ~~institutional financial aid equal to at least seventy-five~~  
32 ~~percent of the amount received by the institution's students~~  
33 ~~for Iowa tuition grant assistance under section 256.191.~~  
34 ~~For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, the school of~~  
35 ~~barbering and cosmetology arts and sciences shall provide a~~

1 ~~matching aggregate amount of institutional financial aid equal~~  
2 ~~to at least eighty-five percent of the amount received in~~  
3 ~~that fiscal year.~~ Commencing with the fiscal year beginning  
4 July 1, 2019, and each succeeding fiscal year, the school of  
5 barbering and cosmetology arts and sciences shall provide a  
6 matching aggregate amount of institutional financial aid shall  
7 be that is at least equal to the match provided by eligible  
8 institutions under [section 261.9, subsection 3](#), paragraph "a",  
9 Code 2023.

10 Sec. 11. Section 256.192, subsections 1, 2, 4, and 5, Code  
11 2026, are amended to read as follows:

12 1. A vocational-technical tuition grant may be awarded to  
13 any resident of Iowa who establishes financial need and who is  
14 admitted and in attendance as a full-time or part-time student  
15 in a any of the following:

16 a. A vocational-technical or career option program at a  
17 community college in the state, ~~and who establishes financial~~  
18 ~~need.~~

19 b. An eligible institution.

20 2. All classes, including liberal arts classes, identified  
21 by the community college or eligible institution as required  
22 for completion of the student's vocational-technical or  
23 career option program, or barbering and cosmetology arts  
24 and sciences program, shall be considered a part of the  
25 student's vocational-technical or career option program  
26 or barbering and cosmetology arts and sciences program for  
27 the purpose of determining the student's eligibility for a  
28 grant. Notwithstanding [subsection 3](#), if a student is making  
29 satisfactory academic progress but the student cannot complete  
30 a vocational-technical or career option program or barbering  
31 and cosmetology arts and sciences program in the time frame  
32 allowed for a student to receive a vocational-technical tuition  
33 grant as provided in [subsection 3](#) because additional classes  
34 are required to complete the program, the student may continue  
35 to receive a vocational-technical tuition grant for not more

1 than one additional enrollment period.

2 4. a. (1) The amount of a vocational-technical tuition  
3 grant to a qualified full-time student who is enrolled in a  
4 vocational-technical or career option program at a community  
5 college shall not exceed the lesser of one thousand two hundred  
6 dollars per year or the amount of the student's established  
7 financial need.

8 ~~b.~~ (2) The amount of a vocational-technical tuition  
9 grant to a qualified part-time student who is enrolled in a  
10 vocational-technical or career option program at a community  
11 college in a course of study including at least three semester  
12 hours but fewer than twelve semester hours or the trimester  
13 or quarter equivalent shall be equal to the amount of a  
14 vocational-technical tuition grant that would be paid to a  
15 full-time student, except that the commission shall prorate  
16 the amount in a manner consistent with the federal Pell grant  
17 program proration.

18 b. (1) The amount of a vocational-technical tuition  
19 grant to a qualified full-time student who is enrolled in an  
20 eligible institution for the fall and spring semesters, or the  
21 equivalent, shall be the amount of the student's financial need  
22 for that period not to exceed six thousand dollars.

23 (2) The amount of a vocational-technical tuition grant to  
24 a qualified full-time student who is enrolled in an eligible  
25 institution for the summer semester or equivalent shall be  
26 one-half the amount of the vocational-technical tuition grant  
27 the student receives under subparagraph (1).

28 (3) The amount of a vocational-technical tuition grant to  
29 a qualified part-time student who is enrolled in an eligible  
30 institution in a course of study including at least three  
31 semester hours but fewer than twelve semester hours for the  
32 fall, spring, and summer semesters, or the equivalent, shall be  
33 equal to the amount of a tuition grant that would be paid to a  
34 full-time student times a number which represents the number  
35 of hours in which the part-time student is actually enrolled

1 divided by twelve semester hours, or the equivalent.

2 (4) If a qualified student receives financial aid under any  
3 other program, the full amount of such financial aid shall be  
4 considered part of the student's financial resources available  
5 in determining the amount of the student's financial need  
6 for that period. In no case may the state's total financial  
7 contribution to the student's education, including financial  
8 aid under any other state or federal program, exceed the  
9 tuition and mandatory fees at the eligible institution the  
10 student attends.

11 5. A vocational-technical tuition grant shall be awarded  
12 on an annual basis, requiring reapplication by the student for  
13 each year. Payments under the grant shall be allocated equally  
14 among the semesters or quarters of the year upon certification  
15 by the ~~institution~~ community college or eligible institution  
16 that the student is in full-time or part-time attendance  
17 in a vocational-technical or career option program or a  
18 barbering and cosmetology arts and sciences program, as defined  
19 under rules of the department. If the student discontinues  
20 attendance before the end of any term after receiving payment  
21 of the grant, the entire amount of any refund due that student,  
22 up to the amount of any payments made under the annual grant,  
23 shall be paid by the ~~institution~~ community college or eligible  
24 institution to the state.

25 Sec. 12. Section 256.194, subsection 2, Code 2026, is  
26 amended by striking the subsection.

27 Sec. 13. Section 256.194, subsection 3, Code 2026, is  
28 amended to read as follows:

29 3. For each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2025,  
30 there is appropriated from the general fund of the state to  
31 the commission for deposit in the vocational-technical tuition  
32 grants fund established in section 256.192, subsection 8, the  
33 sum of ~~one million seven hundred fifty thousand one hundred~~  
34 ~~eighty-five~~ one million eight hundred sixty-three thousand  
35 ninety-nine dollars.

1     Sec. 14. REPEAL. Section 256.191, Code 2026, is repealed.

2     Sec. 15. TRANSFER OF MONEYS. Any moneys appropriated to  
3 the college student aid commission for purposes of the Iowa  
4 tuition grants for-profit institutions fund established in  
5 section 256.191, subsection 8, that remain unencumbered or  
6 unobligated as of July 1, 2026, shall be transferred to the  
7 vocational-technical tuition grants fund established in section  
8 256.192, subsection 8.

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DIVISION VI

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STATE PROGRAM ALLOCATION

11     Sec. 16. Section 284.13, subsection 1, paragraph a,  
12 subparagraph (1), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

13     (1) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026, and  
14 ending June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027, to the department, the amount of  
15 five hundred eight thousand two hundred fifty dollars for the  
16 issuance of national board certification awards in accordance  
17 with [section 256.44](#). Of the amount allocated under this  
18 paragraph, not less than eighty-five thousand dollars shall  
19 be used to administer the ambassador to education position in  
20 accordance with [section 256.45](#).

21     Sec. 17. Section 284.13, subsection 1, paragraphs b, c, e,  
22 f, and g, Code 2026, are amended to read as follows:

23     **b.** For the fiscal year beginning July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026, and  
24 ending June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027, up to seven hundred twenty-eight  
25 thousand two hundred sixteen dollars to the department for  
26 purposes of implementing the professional development program  
27 requirements of [section 284.6](#), assistance in developing model  
28 evidence for teacher quality committees established pursuant to  
29 section 284.4, subsection 1, paragraph "b", and the evaluator  
30 training program in [section 284.10](#). A portion of the funds  
31 allocated to the department for purposes of this paragraph may  
32 be used by the department for administrative purposes and for  
33 not more than four full-time equivalent positions.

34     **c.** For the fiscal year beginning July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026,  
35 and ending June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027, an amount up to one million

1 seventy-seven thousand eight hundred ten dollars to the  
2 department for the establishment of teacher development  
3 academies in accordance with [section 284.6, subsection 10](#). A  
4 portion of the funds allocated to the department for purposes  
5 of this paragraph may be used for administrative purposes.

6 *e.* For the fiscal year beginning July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026, and  
7 ending June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027, to the department an amount up to  
8 fifty thousand dollars for purposes of the fine arts beginning  
9 teacher mentoring program established under [section 256.34](#).

10 *f.* For the fiscal year beginning July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026, and  
11 ending June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027, to the department an amount up  
12 to six hundred twenty-six thousand one hundred ninety-one  
13 dollars shall be used by the department for a delivery system,  
14 in collaboration with area education agencies, to assist in  
15 implementing the career paths and leadership roles considered  
16 pursuant to [sections 284.15, 284.16, and 284.17](#), including but  
17 not limited to planning grants to school districts and area  
18 education agencies, technical assistance for the department,  
19 technical assistance for districts and area education agencies,  
20 training and staff development, and the contracting of external  
21 expertise and services. In using moneys allocated for purposes  
22 of this paragraph, the department shall give priority to school  
23 districts with certified enrollments of fewer than six hundred  
24 students. A portion of the moneys allocated annually to the  
25 department for purposes of this paragraph may be used by the  
26 department for administrative purposes and for not more than  
27 five full-time equivalent positions.

28 *g.* For the fiscal year beginning July 1, ~~2026~~ 2027, and  
29 for each subsequent fiscal year, to the department, ten  
30 million dollars for purposes of implementing the supplemental  
31 assistance for high-need schools provisions of [section 284.11](#).  
32 Annually, of the moneys allocated to the department for  
33 purposes of this paragraph, up to one hundred thousand dollars  
34 may be used by the department for administrative purposes and  
35 for not more than one full-time equivalent position.

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DIVISION VII

IOWA SPECIAL EDUCATION COUNCIL — REPEAL

Sec. 18. REPEAL. Section 256.35B, Code 2026, is repealed.

DIVISION VIII

APPROVAL OF REQUESTS FOR A MODIFIED SUPPLEMENTAL AMOUNT

Sec. 19. Section 257.38, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

Boards of school districts, individually or jointly with boards of other school districts, requesting to use a modified supplemental amount for costs in excess of the amount received under [section 257.11, subsection 4](#), for programs for at-risk students, secondary students who attend alternative programs and alternative schools, and returning dropouts and dropout prevention, shall annually approve, by resolution, comprehensive program plans for the programs and budget costs, including ~~annual~~ requests for a modified supplemental amount for funding the programs. The program plans shall include:

Sec. 20. Section 257.40, Code 2026, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 3. The school budget review committee and the department of education shall not decrease a school district's modified supplemental amount that was approved in a prior budget year due to the failure of the board of directors of a school district to annually approve the school district's program plan for dropout prevention.

Sec. 21. ASSESSMENTS OF NEGATIVE MODIFIED SUPPLEMENTAL AMOUNT. The school budget review committee and the department of management shall reverse any negative modified supplemental amounts that were assessed against a school district from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027, due to the failure of the board of directors of the school district to approve the school district's program plan for dropout prevention in accordance with section 257.38.

DIVISION IX

FY 2026-2027 APPROPRIATIONS — DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE

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DEVELOPMENT

Sec. 22. CAREER TRAINING PHYSICAL EXPANSION PROGRAM.

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of workforce development for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For deposit in the career training physical expansion program fund created in section 84J.3, if enacted by 2026 Iowa Acts, House File 2466, or successor legislation, or by 2026 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2168, or successor legislation:

..... \$ 9,500,000

2. Moneys appropriated in this section are contingent on the career training physical expansion program fund created in section 84J.3, if enacted by 2026 Iowa Acts, House File 2466, or successor legislation, or by 2026 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2168, or successor legislation, receiving no other moneys for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, in any Act of the general assembly.

DIVISION X

BASIC ENROLLMENT — CORRECTION

Sec. 23. Section 257.6, subsection 2, as amended by 2026 Iowa Acts, chapter 1001, section 12, is amended to read as follows:

2. *Basic enrollment.*

a. Basic enrollment for a budget year is the average of a district's actual enrollment for the base year, determined on the date specified under subsection 1, and the district's adjusted enrollment for the base year, determined on the date specified under subsection 7. Basic enrollment for the base year is the average of a district's actual enrollment for the year preceding the base year, determined on the date specified under subsection 1, and the district's adjusted enrollment for the year preceding the base year, determined on the date specified under subsection 7.



1 degree program designated by an institution as a degree program  
2 of three years or less in duration.

3 5. *a.* Annually, the center for cyclone civics at the Iowa  
4 state university of science and technology and the center  
5 for civic education at the university of northern Iowa shall  
6 designate courses at their respective institutions that satisfy  
7 the requirements of this section.

8 *b.* The center for intellectual freedom at the state  
9 university of Iowa shall be the sole academic unit at the  
10 state university of Iowa responsible for offering courses that  
11 satisfy the requirements of this section.

12 Sec. 25. NEW SECTION. **262.105 Lecture and debate series.**

13 By December 31, 2026, the center for intellectual freedom at  
14 the state university of Iowa, the center for cyclone civics at  
15 the Iowa state university of science and technology, and the  
16 center for civic education at the university of northern Iowa  
17 shall each establish an ongoing lecture and debate series. The  
18 series must promote civil dialogue and debate on the issues  
19 most important to the American republic.

20 Sec. 26. Section 263C.3, subsection 5, Code 2026, is amended  
21 by striking the subsection.

22 Sec. 27. NEW SECTION. **266.8 Annual report — center for  
23 cyclone civics.**

24 The director of the center for cyclone civics at the Iowa  
25 state university of science and technology shall submit an  
26 annual report to the governor, the general assembly, and the  
27 state board of regents by December 31. The report must provide  
28 a full account of the center's achievements and must identify  
29 any opportunities, challenges, and obstacles in the development  
30 of the center.

31 Sec. 28. NEW SECTION. **268.6 Annual report — center for  
32 civic education.**

33 The director of the center for civic education at the  
34 university of northern Iowa shall submit an annual report  
35 to the governor, the general assembly, and the state board

1 of regents by December 31. The report must provide a full  
2 account of the center's achievements and must identify any  
3 opportunities, challenges, and obstacles in the development of  
4 the center.

5 Sec. 29. REVIEW OF GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS AND CORE  
6 CURRICULA. By the semester beginning fall 2028, the board of  
7 regents shall conduct a review of all undergraduate general  
8 education requirements and core curricula at institutions of  
9 higher education governed by the board.

10 Sec. 30. APPLICABILITY. The section of this division of  
11 this Act enacting section 262.100 applies to undergraduate  
12 students beginning enrollment at institutions of higher  
13 education governed by the board of regents in academic years  
14 beginning on or after July 1, 2028.

15 DIVISION XII

16 HIGHER EDUCATION — TUITION

17 Sec. 31. Section 262.9, subsection 19, Code 2026, is amended  
18 by adding the following new paragraph:

19 NEW PARAGRAPH. *d.* Limit any increase in the amount of  
20 tuition charged by an institution of higher education under  
21 the board's control to a resident undergraduate student to the  
22 average of the increases in the higher education price index  
23 in the previous three years. This paragraph does not apply  
24 to a resident undergraduate student in an academic year if  
25 the tuition amount that can be charged to the student in the  
26 academic year is limited pursuant to subsection 43.

27 Sec. 32. Section 262.9, Code 2026, is amended by adding the  
28 following new subsection:

29 NEW SUBSECTION. 43. *a.* Direct each institution of higher  
30 education governed by the board to establish a policy whereby  
31 the tuition amount charged to students classified as residents  
32 that is charged to an undergraduate student in the student's  
33 first academic year of enrollment, commencing with a first  
34 academic year of enrollment beginning in or after 2027, will  
35 not increase in the student's subsequent academic years of

1 undergraduate enrollment.

2 *b.* This subsection only applies to an undergraduate student  
3 if, upon enrollment, the student pays a fee to the institution  
4 in an amount established by the board not to exceed ten percent  
5 of the base resident undergraduate tuition amount for the  
6 student's first academic year of enrollment.

7 *c.* For a student who begins the student's first academic  
8 year of undergraduate enrollment with sufficient academic  
9 transfer credits that the student can complete a baccalaureate  
10 degree program in less than four academic years, this  
11 subsection only applies for the number of academic years  
12 necessary for the student to complete a degree program with the  
13 student's academic transfer credits, rounded up.

14 *d.* If an undergraduate student transfers to another  
15 institution of higher education governed by the board after the  
16 student's first academic year of enrollment, and the tuition  
17 amount that would have been charged to the student during that  
18 first academic year by the institution to which the student  
19 transfers is greater than the amount charged to the student  
20 by the institution from which the student transferred, the  
21 institution to which the student transfers may charge the  
22 student the greater tuition amount.

23 *e.* This subsection does not apply to any academic years  
24 beyond three consecutive academic years of undergraduate  
25 enrollment after a student's first academic year of enrollment.

26 DIVISION XIII

27 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION — REPORTING REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO  
28 ANTIBULLYING PROGRAMMING

29 Sec. 33. Section 279.51A, subsection 5, Code 2026, is  
30 amended to read as follows:

31 5. *a.* Each school district shall report to the department  
32 of education, in a manner prescribed by the department, an  
33 annual count of all incidents of violence that result in  
34 injury or property damage or assault by a student in a school  
35 building, on school grounds, or at a school-sponsored function,

1 and any time a student is referred for the use of or transfer  
2 to a therapeutic classroom. The report shall include but not  
3 be limited to demographic information on students reported as  
4 victims and reported as perpetrators of incidents of violence  
5 that result in injury or property damage or assault, including  
6 but not limited to disaggregated information on race, gender,  
7 national origin, age, grade level, and disability, along with  
8 any other data required for the department to implement the  
9 federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by  
10 the federal Every Student Succeeds Act, Pub. L. No. 114-95,  
11 with appropriate safeguards to ensure student privacy. The  
12 department shall compile the reports.

13 b. ~~The department shall compile and summarize the reports,~~  
14 ~~categorized by behavior, and shall submit the summary an annual~~  
15 report to the general assembly by on or before November 1  
16 annually each year that contains all of the following:

17 (1) A summary of the annual reports compiled pursuant to  
18 paragraph "a".

19 (2) A description of the department's antibullying  
20 programming and current and projected expenditures for the  
21 antibullying programming for the immediately preceding fiscal  
22 year.

23 c. A teacher or administrator who submits a report in  
24 accordance with [this section](#) and who meets the requirements of  
25 section 280.27 or [section 613.21](#) shall be immune from civil  
26 or criminal liability relating to such action, as well as for  
27 participating in any administrative or judicial proceeding  
28 resulting from or relating to the report pursuant to the  
29 provisions of [sections 280.27](#) and [613.21](#). The provisions of  
30 section 70A.29 shall apply to a teacher or administrator who  
31 submits a report in accordance with [this section](#) or who reports  
32 an incident of violence or assault to a local law enforcement  
33 agency in good faith and without fraudulent intent or the  
34 intent to deceive. Personal information regarding a student  
35 in a report submitted pursuant to [this section](#) shall be kept

1 confidential as required under the federal Family Educational  
2 Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. §1232g, and in the same  
3 manner as personal information in student records maintained,  
4 created, collected, or assembled by or for a school corporation  
5 or educational institution in accordance with section 22.7,  
6 subsection 1.

7 EXPLANATION

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

10 This bill relates to and makes appropriations to the  
11 education system. The bill appropriates moneys for FY  
12 2026-2027 from the general fund of the state and other funds  
13 to the department for the blind, department of education,  
14 state board of regents and its institutions, and department of  
15 workforce development. The bill is organized by divisions.

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

18 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. The bill appropriates moneys to  
19 the department of education for purposes of the department's  
20 general administration and for purposes of supporting the  
21 department's various entities, programs, funds, and duties,  
22 including but not limited to the public broadcasting division,  
23 community colleges, the Iowa school for the deaf and Iowa  
24 educational services for the blind and visually impaired  
25 program, the division of special education, and the college  
26 student aid commission.

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

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

35 STANDING APPROPRIATIONS. For FY 2026-2027, the bill limits

1 the appropriation associated with programs for at-risk children  
2 under Code section 279.51 and eliminates the appropriation  
3 associated with the work-study program under Code section  
4 256.209.

5 IOWA TUITION GRANTS. Current Code section 256.191  
6 establishes a tuition grants program for students attending  
7 for-profit institutions, and current Code section 256.192  
8 establishes a tuition grants program for students attending a  
9 vocational-technical or career option program at a community  
10 college. The bill modifies current Code section 256.192 to  
11 allow students attending for-profit institutions to apply for  
12 a vocational-technical tuition grant. The bill repeals Code  
13 section 256.191 and transfers any moneys appropriated for  
14 purposes of the Iowa tuition grants for-profit institutions  
15 fund that remain unencumbered or unobligated as of July 1,  
16 2026, to the vocational-technical tuition grants fund.

17 The bill increases the standing appropriation for tuition  
18 grants for qualified students under the vocational-technical  
19 tuition grants program.

20 STATE PROGRAM ALLOCATION. Code section 284.13 establishes  
21 how moneys appropriated for purposes of the student achievement  
22 and teacher quality program are to be allocated. The bill  
23 extends such allocations to FY 2026-2027. The bill provides  
24 that beginning in FY 2027-2028, of the moneys appropriated  
25 for purposes of the student achievement and teacher quality  
26 program, the final priority for the allocation is \$10 million  
27 for purposes of implementing the supplemental assistance for  
28 high-need schools provisions of Code section 284.11.

29 IOWA SPECIAL EDUCATION COUNCIL — REPEAL. Current Code  
30 section 256.35B establishes an Iowa special education council  
31 to act in an advisory capacity to the department of education  
32 in promoting, directing, and supervising education for  
33 children requiring special education in the schools under the  
34 supervision and control of the department. The bill repeals  
35 Code section 256.35B.

1 APPROVAL OF REQUESTS FOR A MODIFIED SUPPLEMENTAL AMOUNT.

2 The bill modifies provisions related to what the boards of  
3 directors of school districts must approve in order to request  
4 to use a modified supplemental amount for costs in excess of  
5 the amount received under Code section 257.11(4).

6 The bill prohibits the school budget review committee and  
7 the department of education from decreasing a school district's  
8 modified supplemental amount that was approved in a prior  
9 budget year due to the failure of the board of directors of  
10 a school district to annually approve the school district's  
11 program plan for dropout prevention.

12 The bill requires the school budget review committee and  
13 the department of management to reverse any negative modified  
14 supplemental amount that was assessed against a school district  
15 from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027, due to the failure  
16 of the board of directors of the school district to properly  
17 approve the school district's program plan for dropout  
18 prevention.

19 FY 2026-2027 APPROPRIATIONS — DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE  
20 DEVELOPMENT. The bill appropriates \$9.5 million from the  
21 general fund of the state to the department of workforce  
22 development for FY 2026-2027 for deposit in the career training  
23 physical expansion program fund created in Code section 84J.3,  
24 if enacted by 2026 Iowa Acts, House File 2466, section 16,  
25 or successor legislation. Moneys appropriated pursuant to  
26 this provision are contingent on the career training physical  
27 expansion program fund receiving no other moneys for the  
28 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, in any Act of the general  
29 assembly.

30 BASIC ENROLLMENT — CORRECTION. The bill changes a  
31 reference from "basic" enrollment to "actual" enrollment to  
32 reflect the proper enrollment terminology used to determine  
33 basic enrollment under Code section 257.6(2) following  
34 enactment of 2026 Iowa Acts, chapter 1001.

35 HIGHER EDUCATION — CIVIC PROFICIENCY. The bill provides

1 that the state board of regents must require each institution  
2 of higher education to establish as a requirement for the  
3 completion of any general education requirements or core  
4 curricula that an undergraduate student complete introductory  
5 survey courses in American history and American government.  
6 The requirement applies to undergraduate students beginning  
7 enrollment at institutions in academic years beginning on or  
8 after July 1, 2028. An institution shall assign a value of  
9 at least three semester hours of credit to each course. A  
10 required course shall be a comprehensive survey of all American  
11 history and American government.

12 A required course shall fulfill the general education or  
13 core curriculum requirement for social sciences or humanities,  
14 as designated by the institution, that a student is required to  
15 complete as a condition of graduation.

16 The bill requires an institution of higher education  
17 to provide equivalent credit toward the required courses  
18 to a student transferring to the institution for previous  
19 substantially similar coursework.

20 The division does not apply to a student completing a degree  
21 program designated by an institution as a degree program of  
22 three years or less in duration.

23 The bill requires the center for cyclone civics at Iowa  
24 state university and the center for civic education at the  
25 university of northern Iowa to annually designate courses at  
26 their respective institutions that satisfy these requirements.  
27 The bill provides that the center for intellectual freedom at  
28 the state university of Iowa shall be the sole academic unit at  
29 the state university of Iowa responsible for offering courses  
30 that satisfy these requirements.

31 The bill strikes a requirement that the center for  
32 intellectual freedom at the university of Iowa offer at least  
33 one three-semester credit hour course in American history and  
34 civil government.

35 The bill requires the state board of regents to conduct a

1 review of all undergraduate general education requirements and  
2 core curricula at institutions by the semester beginning fall  
3 2028.

4 The bill requires the center for intellectual freedom at  
5 the university of Iowa, the center for cyclone civics at  
6 Iowa state university, and the center for civic education at  
7 the university of northern Iowa to each establish an ongoing  
8 lecture and debate series by December 31, 2026. The series  
9 must promote civil dialogue and debate on the issues most  
10 important to the American republic.

11 The bill requires the directors of the center for cyclone  
12 civics at Iowa state university and the center for civic  
13 education at the university of northern Iowa to each submit  
14 an annual report to the governor, the general assembly, and  
15 the board of regents by December 31. The report must provide  
16 a full account of the respective center's achievements and  
17 identify any opportunities, challenges, and obstacles in the  
18 development of the center.

19 HIGHER EDUCATION — TUITION. The bill requires the  
20 state board of regents to direct each regents institution  
21 to establish a policy whereby the tuition amount charged  
22 to students classified as residents that is charged to an  
23 undergraduate student in the student's first academic year  
24 of enrollment will not increase in the student's subsequent  
25 academic years of undergraduate enrollment. This requirement  
26 applies to a student's first academic year of enrollment that  
27 begins in or after 2027. The bill provides limitations on this  
28 requirement.

29 The bill requires the state board of regents to limit any  
30 increase in the amount of tuition charged by an institution of  
31 higher education to a resident undergraduate student to the  
32 average of the increases in the higher education price index  
33 in the previous three years; provided, however, that this  
34 provision does not apply to a resident undergraduate student in  
35 an academic year if the tuition amount that can be charged to

1 the student is limited pursuant to the bill's provisions.

2 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION — REPORTING REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO  
3 ANTIBULLYING PROGRAMMING. The bill requires the department of  
4 education to submit an annual report to the general assembly  
5 that contains, in part, information related to the department's  
6 antibullying programming.