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BY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3191)

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, and state
4 board of regents.

5 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:

..... \$ 3,207,190

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:

..... \$ 7,073,808

2. CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION

For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

..... \$ 721,779

3. PUBLIC BROADCASTING DIVISION

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

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

4. CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

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

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

1 5. SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE

2 a. For use as state matching moneys for federal programs
3 that shall be disbursed according to federal regulations,
4 including salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous
5 purposes:

6 \$ 2,253,055

7 b. From the moneys appropriated in this subsection, \$76,258
8 shall be allocated to the administrative costs associated with
9 participation in the federal summer electronic benefit transfer
10 program.

11 6. BIRTH TO AGE THREE SERVICES

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

17 \$ 1,721,400

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

23 7. EARLY HEAD START PROJECTS

24 a. For early head start projects:

25 \$ 574,500

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

1 project.

2 8. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND TEACHER QUALITY PROGRAM

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

5 \$ 2,990,467

6 9. STATEWIDE STUDENT ASSESSMENT

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

12 \$ 3,000,000

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

18 10. STATEWIDE CLEARINGHOUSE TO EXPAND WORK-BASED LEARNING

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

22 \$ 300,000

23 11. POSTSECONDARY SUMMER CLASSES FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
24 PROGRAM

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

33 \$ 600,000

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 specified in this subsection until the close of the succeeding
4 fiscal year.

5 12. JOBS FOR AMERICA'S GRADUATES

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

12 \$ 9,946,450

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

19 13. ATTENDANCE CENTER PERFORMANCE/GENERAL INTERNET SITE AND
20 DATA SYSTEM SUPPORT

21 For administration of a process for school districts to
22 establish specific performance goals and to evaluate the
23 performance of each attendance center operated by the district
24 in order to arrive at an overall school performance grade and
25 report card for each attendance center, for internet site and
26 data system support:

27 \$ 250,000

28 14. SUCCESSFUL PROGRESSION FOR EARLY READERS

29 For distribution to school districts for implementation
30 of [section 279.68, subsection 2](#), relating to successful
31 progression for early readers:

32 \$ 7,824,782

33 15. EARLY WARNING SYSTEM FOR LITERACY

34 a. For purposes of purchasing a statewide license for an
35 early warning assessment and administering the early warning

1 system for literacy established in accordance with section
2 279.68 and rules adopted in accordance with section 256.7,
3 subsection 31:

4 \$ 1,915,000

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

20 16. IOWA READING RESEARCH CENTER

21 a. For purposes of the Iowa reading research center in
22 order to implement, in collaboration with the area education
23 agencies, the provisions of [section 256.9, subsection 49](#),
24 paragraph "c":

25 \$ 1,500,000

26 b. From moneys appropriated in this subsection, not more
27 than \$250,000 shall be used for collaborations with the state
28 board of education relating to the approval of practitioner
29 preparation programs pursuant to [section 256.7, subsection 3](#),
30 paragraph "c", and with the board of educational examiners for
31 the establishment and continuing oversight of the advanced
32 dyslexia specialist endorsement pursuant to section 256.146,
33 subsection 21. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and
34 ending June 30, 2027, the center shall submit a report to the
35 general assembly detailing the expenditures of moneys used for

1 purposes of this paragraph "b".

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

8 17. COMPUTER SCIENCE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE
9 FUND

10 For deposit in the computer science professional development
11 incentive fund established in section 284.6A:

12 \$ 500,000

13 18. CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH SCHOOL-BASED TRAINING AND
14 SUPPORT

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

18 \$ 1,899,682

19 b. Of the moneys appropriated in this subsection for
20 distribution to area education agencies, \$200,000 shall be
21 used for purposes of implementing a children's grief and loss
22 rural pilot program to serve Iowa children in rural school
23 districts or accredited nonpublic schools. The program shall
24 be administered by, and the moneys allocated pursuant to this
25 paragraph shall be distributed to, an existing statewide
26 not-for-profit health care organization that currently provides
27 grief and loss services to children. For the fiscal year
28 beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the health
29 care organization receiving moneys pursuant to this paragraph
30 shall prepare a report, in collaboration with the department
31 of education, detailing the expenditures of moneys used for
32 the purposes of this program and its outcomes, which shall be
33 submitted to the general assembly by September 30, 2027.

34 19. BEST BUDDIES IOWA

35 a. For school districts to create opportunities for

1 one-to-one friendships, integrated employment, and leadership
2 development for students with intellectual and developmental
3 disabilities:

4 \$ 35,000

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

12 20. MIDWESTERN HIGHER EDUCATION COMPACT

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

15 \$ 118,450

16 Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated pursuant
17 to this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at
18 the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
19 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the
20 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

21 21. NONPUBLIC SCHOOL CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT PAYMENTS TO
22 COMMUNITY COLLEGES

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

26 \$ 1,000,000

27 Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys received by the
28 department pursuant to this subsection that remain unencumbered
29 or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert
30 but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes
31 designated until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

32 22. COMMUNITY COLLEGES

33 For general state financial aid to merged areas, as defined
34 in [section 260C.2](#), in accordance with section 260C.18C:

35 \$247,008,533

1 23. IOWA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

2 For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous
3 purposes:

4 \$ 12,813,313

5 24. IOWA EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY
6 IMPAIRED PROGRAM

7 For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous
8 purposes:

9 \$ 5,112,412

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

12 For purposes of the science, technology, engineering, and
13 mathematics (STEM) collaborative initiative established in
14 section 256.111:

15 \$ 6,310,409

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

23 b. From the moneys appropriated in this subsection, not less
24 than \$500,000 shall be used to provide, or support access to,
25 all of the following:

26 (1) Technology and emerging technology education
27 opportunities, including but not limited to artificial
28 intelligence, computer science, data science, and related
29 fields, to high school students and career academy students.

30 (2) Opportunities for students and instructional staff to
31 obtain industry-recognized credentials, certifications, or
32 other validated competencies.

33 (3) Research-based or evidence-informed instructional
34 content and learning frameworks.

35 (4) Online or hybrid access to instructional content.

1 (5) Instructional software, platforms, tools, or resources
2 for classroom and student use.

3 (6) Validation, certification, or credentialing of skills
4 and competencies across a broad range of technology-related and
5 artificial intelligence-related disciplines.

6 (7) Professional development, training, or
7 capacity-building opportunities for teachers and instructional
8 staff.

9 (8) Deployment, implementation, and programmatic support,
10 including but not limited to alignment or integration with
11 applicable academic standards or workforce needs.

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

17 26. THERAPEUTIC CLASSROOM INCENTIVE FUND

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

20 \$ 2,351,382

21 27. ONLINE STATE JOB POSTING SYSTEM

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

27 \$ 265,000

28 28. LEAD-K PROGRAM

29 For purposes of maintaining and implementing the program
30 established pursuant to section 256.106, including ensuring
31 statewide consistency in guidance and supports related to
32 language and communication outcomes for children who are deaf
33 or hard of hearing:

34 \$ 200,000

35 29. DIVISION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

1 For general supervision, oversight, compliance, employee
2 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes
3 within the area education agency regions and the department of
4 education main office:

5 \$ 10,000,000

6 30. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

7 For purposes of providing required professional development
8 to public and nonpublic schools:

9 \$ 1,676,458

10 31. COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION

11 a. Administration

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

19 \$ 591,533

20 b. National guard service scholarship program

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

23 \$ 6,600,000

24 c. All Iowa opportunity scholarship program

25 (1) For deposit in the all Iowa opportunity scholarship fund
26 created in section 256.212:

27 \$ 3,229,468

28 (2) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, if the
29 moneys appropriated in this lettered paragraph exceed \$500,000,
30 "eligible institution" as defined in section 256.212 shall,
31 during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, include
32 accredited private institutions as defined in section 256.183.

33 d. Teach Iowa scholar program

34 For deposit in the teach Iowa scholar fund established in
35 section 256.218:

1	\$	948,715
2 e. Health care professional incentive program		
3 For deposit in the health care professional incentive		
4 program fund created in section 256.222:		
5	\$	7,985,911
6 f. Rural veterinarian loan repayment program		
7 For deposit in the rural veterinary care trust fund created		
8 in section 256.226:		
9	\$	700,000
10 g. Future ready Iowa skilled workforce last-dollar		
11 scholarship program		
12 For deposit in the future ready Iowa skilled workforce		
13 last-dollar scholarship fund created in section 256.228:		
14	\$	23,927,005
15 h. Future ready Iowa skilled workforce grant program		
16 For deposit in the future ready Iowa skilled workforce grant		
17 fund created in section 256.229:		
18	\$	425,000
19 i. Iowa workforce grant and incentive program		
20 For deposit in the Iowa workforce grant and incentive		
21 program fund created in section 256.230:		
22	\$	6,500,000
23 j. Court reporter equipment grant program		
24 For deposit in the court reporter equipment grant program		
25 fund created in section 256.231:		
26	\$	50,000

27 Sec. 3. IOWA SKILLED WORKER AND JOB CREATION FUND
28 APPROPRIATIONS. There is appropriated from the Iowa skilled
29 worker and job creation fund created in [section 8.57J](#) to the
30 department of education for the fiscal year beginning July
31 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following amounts, or
32 so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
33 designated:

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

1 \$ 5,000,000

2 2. For deposit in the workforce training and economic

3 development funds created pursuant to section 260C.18A:

4 \$ 15,100,000

5 From the moneys appropriated in this subsection, not

6 more than \$100,000 shall be used by the department for

7 administration of the workforce training and economic

8 development funds created pursuant to [section 260C.18A](#).

9 3. a. For capital projects at community colleges that meet

10 the definition of the term "vertical infrastructure" in section

11 8.57, subsection 3, paragraph "c":

12 \$ 6,000,000

13 b. Moneys appropriated in this subsection shall be

14 disbursed pursuant to [section 260G.6, subsection 3](#). Projects

15 that qualify for moneys appropriated in this subsection must

16 include at least one of the following:

17 (1) Accelerated career education program capital projects.

18 (2) Major renovations and major repair needs, including

19 health, life, and fire safety needs, including compliance with

20 the federal Americans with Disabilities Act.

21 4. For deposit in the pathways for academic career and

22 employment fund created in [section 260H.2](#):

23 \$ 4,800,000

24 5. For deposit in the gap tuition assistance fund

25 established in [section 260I.2](#):

26 \$ 2,000,000

27 6. For support costs associated with administering a

28 workforce preparation outcome reporting system for the purpose

29 of collecting and reporting data relating to the educational

30 and employment outcomes of workforce preparation programs

31 receiving moneys pursuant to this section:

32 \$ 75,000

33 7. For STEM best:

34 \$ 700,000

35 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in this

1 section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of
2 the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for
3 expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of the
4 succeeding fiscal year.

5 Sec. 4. CHIROPRACTIC LOAN FUNDS. Notwithstanding section
6 256.204, the moneys deposited in the chiropractic loan
7 revolving fund created in section 256.204 for the fiscal year
8 beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, may be used
9 for purposes of the chiropractic loan forgiveness program
10 established in section 256.205.

11 Sec. 5. PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS. The department of
12 administrative services shall pay the Iowa school for the deaf
13 and the Iowa educational services for the blind and visually
14 impaired program the moneys collected from the counties during
15 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, for expenses relating
16 to prescription drug costs for students attending the Iowa
17 school for the deaf and the Iowa educational services for the
18 blind and visually impaired program.

19 DIVISION III

20 FY 2026-2027 APPROPRIATIONS — STATE BOARD OF REGENTS

21 Sec. 6. GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS. There is appropriated
22 from the general fund of the state to the state board of
23 regents for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending
24 June 30, 2027, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is
25 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

26 1. OFFICE OF STATE BOARD OF REGENTS

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

29 \$ 764,642

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

1 for the regents universities.

2 b. For distribution to the western Iowa regents resource
3 center:

4 \$ 268,297

5 c. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending
6 June 30, 2027, the state board of regents and the institutions
7 of higher learning governed by the state board of regents
8 shall not reduce moneys budgeted for the fiscal year for the
9 institutions' police departments.

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

15 \$ 125,000

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

19 2. STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

20 a. General university

21 For salaries, support, maintenance, equipment, financial
22 aid, and miscellaneous purposes:

23 \$226,848,800

24 b. Oakdale campus

25 For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous
26 purposes:

27 \$ 2,103,819

28 c. State hygienic laboratory

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

31 \$ 4,822,610

32 d. Family practice program

33 For allocation by the dean of the college of medicine, with
34 approval of the advisory board, to qualified participants
35 to carry out the provisions of [chapter 148D](#) for the family

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

1 technology, engineering, and mathematics initiative
2 For the Iowa online advanced placement academy science,
3 technology, engineering, and mathematics initiative established
4 in [section 263.8A](#):
5 \$ 463,616
6 m. Iowa flood center
7 For the Iowa flood center for use by the university's college
8 of engineering pursuant to [section 466C.1](#):
9 \$ 1,205,593
10 n. College of nursing
11 For employing additional instructors in the college of
12 nursing to increase the number of students who graduate from
13 the college of nursing:
14 \$ 2,800,000
15 o. Center for intellectual freedom
16 For purposes of supporting the center for intellectual
17 freedom established in [section 263C.2](#):
18 \$ 1,000,000
19 3. IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
20 For salaries, support, maintenance, equipment, financial
21 aid, and miscellaneous purposes:
22 \$232,541,614
23 4. UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA
24 a. General university
25 For salaries, support, maintenance, equipment, financial
26 aid, and miscellaneous purposes:
27 \$103,422,558
28 b. Real estate education program
29 For purposes of the real estate education program:
30 \$ 123,523
31 c. Educators for Iowa
32 For purposes of recruiting additional students to
33 participate in educational opportunities that lead to teacher
34 licensure:
35 \$ 1,500,000

1 d. Center for civic education

2 For purposes of establishing and operating a center for
3 civic education that promotes the values of free speech,
4 civic leadership, public service, and citizenship, and
5 that enhances civic education among students enrolled in
6 colleges and universities in this state, students enrolled
7 in prekindergarten through grade twelve in schools in this
8 state, teachers, and the public by developing and implementing
9 effective civic learning strategies, encouraging respectful
10 dialogue, and offering educational resources related to free
11 speech and civic knowledge:

12 \$ 1,000,000

13 Sec. 7. ENERGY COST-SAVINGS PROJECTS — FINANCING. For
14 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30,
15 2027, the state board of regents may use notes, bonds, or
16 other evidences of indebtedness issued under [section 262.48](#) to
17 finance projects that will result in energy cost savings in an
18 amount that will cause the state board to recover the cost of
19 the projects within an average of six years.

20 DIVISION IV

21 STANDING APPROPRIATIONS

22 Sec. 8. AT-RISK CHILDREN. Notwithstanding the standing
23 appropriation in section 279.51 for the fiscal year beginning
24 July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the amount appropriated
25 from the general fund of the state to the department of
26 education for programs for at-risk children under section
27 279.51 shall not be more than \$10,524,389. The amount of any
28 reduction in this section shall be prorated among the programs
29 specified in section 279.51, subsection 1, paragraphs "a", "b",
30 and "c".

31 Sec. 9. WORK-STUDY APPROPRIATION. Notwithstanding section
32 256.209, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and
33 ending June 30, 2027, the amount appropriated from the general
34 fund of the state to the college student aid commission of
35 the department of education for the work-study program under

1 section 256.209 shall be zero.

2 Sec. 10. Section 256.194, subsections 1 and 2, Code 2026,
3 are amended to read as follows:

4 1. For each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1,
5 2025, there is appropriated from the general fund of the
6 state to the commission for deposit in the Iowa tuition
7 grants fund established in [section 256.189, subsection 3](#), the
8 sum of ~~fifty-three million seven hundred sixty-one thousand~~
9 ~~two hundred ten~~ fifty-four million five hundred sixty-seven
10 thousand six hundred twenty-eight dollars.

11 2. For each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2025,
12 there is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the
13 commission for deposit in the Iowa tuition grants for-profit
14 institutions fund established in [section 256.191, subsection 8](#),
15 the sum of ~~one hundred twelve thousand nine hundred fourteen~~
16 one hundred fourteen thousand six hundred eight dollars.

17 DIVISION V

18 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION — REPORTING REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO
19 ANTIBULLYING PROGRAMMING

20 Sec. 11. Section 279.51A, subsection 5, Code 2026, is
21 amended to read as follows:

22 5. a. Each school district shall report to the department
23 of education, in a manner prescribed by the department, an
24 annual count of all incidents of violence that result in
25 injury or property damage or assault by a student in a school
26 building, on school grounds, or at a school-sponsored function,
27 and any time a student is referred for the use of or transfer
28 to a therapeutic classroom. The report shall include but not
29 be limited to demographic information on students reported as
30 victims and reported as perpetrators of incidents of violence
31 that result in injury or property damage or assault, including
32 but not limited to disaggregated information on race, gender,
33 national origin, age, grade level, and disability, along with
34 any other data required for the department to implement the
35 federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by

1 the federal Every Student Succeeds Act, Pub. L. No. 114-95,
2 with appropriate safeguards to ensure student privacy. The
3 department shall compile the reports.

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

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

10 (2) A description of the department's antibullying
11 programming and current and projected expenditures for the
12 antibullying programming for the immediately preceding fiscal
13 year.

14 c. A teacher or administrator who submits a report in
15 accordance with [this section](#) and who meets the requirements of
16 section 280.27 or [section 613.21](#) shall be immune from civil
17 or criminal liability relating to such action, as well as for
18 participating in any administrative or judicial proceeding
19 resulting from or relating to the report pursuant to the
20 provisions of [sections 280.27](#) and [613.21](#). The provisions of
21 section 70A.29 shall apply to a teacher or administrator who
22 submits a report in accordance with [this section](#) or who reports
23 an incident of violence or assault to a local law enforcement
24 agency in good faith and without fraudulent intent or the
25 intent to deceive. Personal information regarding a student
26 in a report submitted pursuant to [this section](#) shall be kept
27 confidential as required under the federal Family Educational
28 Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. §1232g, and in the same
29 manner as personal information in student records maintained,
30 created, collected, or assembled by or for a school corporation
31 or educational institution in accordance with section 22.7,
32 subsection 1.

33 DIVISION VI

34 BOARD OF EDUCATIONAL EXAMINERS — FEES

35 Sec. 12. Section 256.155, subsections 2 and 3, Code 2026,

1 are amended to read as follows:

2 2. Licensing fees are payable to the treasurer of state and
3 shall be deposited with the executive director of the board.
4 ~~The executive director shall deposit twenty five percent of~~
5 ~~the fees collected annually with the treasurer of state and~~
6 ~~the fees shall be credited to the general fund of the state.~~
7 ~~The remaining licensing fees~~ Licensing fees collected during
8 the fiscal year shall be retained by and are appropriated to
9 the board for the purposes related to the board's duties.
10 Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), licensing fees retained by and
11 appropriated to the board pursuant to [this section](#) that remain
12 unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year
13 shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure for
14 the activities of the board as provided in [this part](#) until the
15 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

16 3. The executive director shall keep an accurate and
17 detailed account of fees received, including ~~fees paid to the~~
18 ~~treasurer of state and~~ fees retained by the board.

19 EXPLANATION

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

22 This bill relates to and makes appropriations to the
23 education system. The bill appropriates moneys for FY
24 2026-2027 from the general fund of the state and other funds
25 to the department for the blind, department of education, and
26 state board of regents and its institutions. The bill is
27 organized by divisions.

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

30 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. The bill appropriates moneys to
31 the department of education for purposes of the department's
32 general administration and for purposes of supporting the
33 department's various entities, programs, funds, and duties,
34 including but not limited to the public broadcasting division,
35 community colleges, the Iowa school for the deaf and Iowa

1 educational services for the blind and visually impaired
2 program, the division of special education, and the college
3 student aid commission.

4 The bill also appropriates moneys from the Iowa skilled
5 worker and job creation fund to the department of education for
6 various purposes.

7 STATE BOARD OF REGENTS. The bill appropriates moneys to
8 the state board of regents for the board office, universities'
9 general operating budgets, the western Iowa regents resource
10 center, the state university of Iowa, the Iowa state university
11 of science and technology, and the university of northern Iowa.

12 STANDING APPROPRIATIONS. For FY 2026-2027, the bill limits
13 the appropriation associated with programs for at-risk children
14 under Code section 279.51 and eliminates the appropriation
15 associated with the work-study program under Code section
16 256.209. The bill increases the standing appropriation for
17 tuition grants for qualified students enrolled in accredited
18 private institutions under Code section 256.194(1) or eligible
19 institutions under Code section 256.194(2).

20 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION — REPORTING REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO
21 ANTIBULLYING PROGRAMMING. The bill requires the department of
22 education to submit an annual report to the general assembly
23 that contains, in part, information related to the department's
24 antibullying programming.

25 BOARD OF EDUCATIONAL EXAMINERS — FEES. Current law
26 requires the executive director of the board of educational
27 examiners (BOEE) to deposit 25 percent of the licensing fees
28 collected annually with the treasurer of state, and such fees
29 are to be credited to the general fund of the state. The bill
30 strikes this provision. The bill provides that licensing fees
31 collected during the fiscal year are required to be retained
32 by, and are appropriated to, the BOEE for the purposes related
33 to the BOEE's duties. The bill makes conforming changes.