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HOUSE FILE 2783

BY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 778)

(As Amended and Passed by the House April 30, 2026)

**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, department of workforce development, and  
5 Iowa special education council.

6 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
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9 5. SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE

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

15	.....	\$	2,253,055
16	.....	FTEs	27.83

17 b. From the moneys appropriated in this subsection, \$76,258  
18 shall be allocated to the administrative costs associated with  
19 participation in the federal summer electronic benefit transfer  
20 program.

21 6. BIRTH TO AGE THREE SERVICES

22 a. For expansion of the federal Individuals with  
23 Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004, Pub. L. No.  
24 108-446, as amended to January 1, 2018, birth through age three  
25 services due to increased numbers of children qualifying for  
26 those services:

27	.....	\$	1,721,400
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28 b. From the moneys appropriated in this subsection,  
29 \$383,769 shall be allocated to the child health specialty  
30 clinics administered by the state university of Iowa in order  
31 to provide additional support for infants and toddlers who are  
32 born prematurely, drug-exposed, or medically fragile.

33 7. EARLY HEAD START PROJECTS

34 a. For early head start projects:

35	.....	\$	574,500
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1 b. The moneys appropriated in this subsection shall be  
2 used for implementation and expansion of early head start  
3 pilot projects addressing the comprehensive cognitive, social,  
4 emotional, and developmental needs of children from birth to  
5 age three, including prenatal support for qualified families.  
6 The projects shall promote healthy prenatal outcomes and  
7 healthy family functioning, and strengthen the development of  
8 infants and toddlers in low-income families. Priority shall be  
9 given to those organizations that have previously qualified for  
10 and received state funding to administer an early head start  
11 project.

12 8. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND TEACHER QUALITY PROGRAM

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

16 .....	\$	2,990,467
17 .....	FTEs	5.83

18 9. STATEWIDE STUDENT ASSESSMENT

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

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

30 10. STATEWIDE CLEARINGHOUSE TO EXPAND WORK-BASED LEARNING

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

33 .....	\$	300,000
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34 11. POSTSECONDARY SUMMER CLASSES FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS  
35 PROGRAM

1 For support costs associated with the creation of a program  
 2 to provide additional moneys for resident high school pupils  
 3 enrolled in grades 9 through 12 to attend a community college  
 4 for college-level classes or attend a class taught by a  
 5 community college-employed instructor during the summer and  
 6 outside of the regular school year through a contractual  
 7 agreement between a community college and a school district:  
 8 ..... \$ 600,000

9 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 12. JOBS FOR AMERICA'S GRADUATES

16 For school districts to reinforce collaborative efforts and  
 17 regional initiatives that accelerate work-based learning and  
 18 credential attainment, and to provide direct career education  
 19 services to identified middle school or high school students  
 20 enrolled in school districts through direct instruction by a  
 21 jobs for America's graduates specialist:  
 22 ..... \$ 9,946,450

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

29 13. ATTENDANCE CENTER PERFORMANCE/GENERAL INTERNET SITE AND  
 30 DATA SYSTEM SUPPORT

31 For administration of a process for school districts to  
 32 establish specific performance goals and to evaluate the  
 33 performance of each attendance center operated by the district  
 34 in order to arrive at an overall school performance grade and  
 35 report card for each attendance center, for internet site

1 and data system support, and for not more than the following  
2 full-time equivalent positions:

3 ..... \$ 250,000  
4 ..... FTEs 1.60

5 14. SUCCESSFUL PROGRESSION FOR EARLY READERS

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

9 ..... \$ 7,824,782

10 15. EARLY WARNING SYSTEM FOR LITERACY

11 a. For purposes of purchasing a statewide license for an  
12 early warning assessment and administering the early warning  
13 system for literacy established in accordance with section  
14 279.68 and rules adopted in accordance with section 256.7,  
15 subsection 31:

16 ..... \$ 1,915,000

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

32 16. IOWA READING RESEARCH CENTER

33 a. For purposes of the Iowa reading research center in  
34 order to implement, in collaboration with the area education  
35 agencies, the provisions of [section 256.9, subsection 49](#),

1 paragraph "c":

2 ..... \$ 1,500,000

3 b. From moneys appropriated in this subsection, not more  
4 than \$250,000 shall be used for collaborations with the state  
5 board of education relating to the approval of practitioner  
6 preparation programs pursuant to section 256.7, subsection 3,  
7 paragraph "c", and with the board of educational examiners for  
8 the establishment and continuing oversight of the advanced  
9 dyslexia specialist endorsement pursuant to section 256.146,  
10 subsection 21. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and  
11 ending June 30, 2027, the center shall submit a report to the  
12 general assembly detailing the expenditures of moneys used for  
13 purposes of this paragraph "b".

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

20 17. COMPUTER SCIENCE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE  
21 FUND

22 For deposit in the computer science professional development  
23 incentive fund established in section 284.6A:

24 ..... \$ 500,000

25 18. CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH SCHOOL-BASED TRAINING AND  
26 SUPPORT

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

30 ..... \$ 1,899,682

31 b. Of the moneys appropriated in this subsection for  
32 distribution to area education agencies, \$200,000 shall be  
33 used for purposes of implementing a children's grief and  
34 loss rural program to serve Iowa children in rural school  
35 districts or accredited nonpublic schools. The program shall

1 be administered by, and the moneys allocated pursuant to this  
2 paragraph shall be distributed to, an existing statewide  
3 not-for-profit health care organization that currently provides  
4 grief and loss services to children. For the fiscal year  
5 beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the health  
6 care organization receiving moneys pursuant to this paragraph  
7 shall prepare a report, in collaboration with the department  
8 of education, detailing the expenditures of moneys used for  
9 the purposes of this program and its outcomes, which shall be  
10 submitted to the general assembly by September 30, 2027.

11 19. BEST BUDDIES IOWA

12 a. For school districts to create opportunities for  
13 one-to-one friendships, integrated employment, and leadership  
14 development for students with intellectual and developmental  
15 disabilities:

16 ..... \$ 35,000

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

24 20. MIDWESTERN HIGHER EDUCATION COMPACT

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

27 ..... \$ 118,450

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

33 21. NONPUBLIC SCHOOL CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT PAYMENTS TO  
34 COMMUNITY COLLEGES

35 For payments to community colleges for the concurrent

1 enrollment of accredited nonpublic school students under  
2 section 261E.8, subsection 2, paragraph "b":  
3 ..... \$ 1,000,000

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 designated until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

9 22. COMMUNITY COLLEGES

10 For general state financial aid to merged areas, as defined  
11 in section 260C.2, in accordance with section 260C.18C:  
12 ..... \$246,858,161

13 23. IOWA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

14 For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous  
15 purposes, and for not more than the following full-time  
16 equivalent positions:  
17 ..... \$ 12,813,313  
18 ..... FTEs 132.00

19 24. IOWA EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY  
20 IMPAIRED PROGRAM

21 For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous  
22 purposes, and for not more than the following full-time  
23 equivalent positions:  
24 ..... \$ 5,112,412  
25 ..... FTEs 68.72

26 25. SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS  
27 (STEM) COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVE

28 For purposes of the science, technology, engineering, and  
29 mathematics (STEM) collaborative initiative established in  
30 section 256.111, and for not more than the following full-time  
31 equivalent positions:  
32 ..... \$ 6,310,409  
33 ..... FTEs 7.00

34 a. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the  
35 moneys appropriated in this subsection shall be expended for

1 salaries, staffing, institutional support, activities directly  
2 related to recruitment of kindergarten through grade 12  
3 mathematics and science teachers, and for ongoing mathematics  
4 and science programming for students enrolled in kindergarten  
5 through grade 12.

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

9 (1) Technology and emerging technology education  
10 opportunities, including but not limited to artificial  
11 intelligence, computer science, data science, and related  
12 fields, to high school students and career academy students.

13 (2) Opportunities for students and instructional staff to  
14 obtain industry-recognized credentials, certifications, or  
15 other validated competencies.

16 (3) Research-based or evidence-informed instructional  
17 content and learning frameworks.

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

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

21 (6) Validation, certification, or credentialing of skills  
22 and competencies across a broad range of technology-related and  
23 artificial intelligence-related disciplines.

24 (7) Professional development, training, or  
25 capacity-building opportunities for teachers and instructional  
26 staff.

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

30 c. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys received by the  
31 department pursuant to this subsection that remain unencumbered  
32 or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert  
33 but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes  
34 designated until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

35 26. THERAPEUTIC CLASSROOM INCENTIVE FUND

1 For deposit in the therapeutic classroom incentive fund  
2 established in section 256.25:  
3 ..... \$ 2,351,382

4 27. ONLINE STATE JOB POSTING SYSTEM

5 For purposes of administering an online state job posting  
6 system that allows the department of education, school  
7 districts, charter schools, area education agencies, and  
8 accredited nonpublic schools to post job openings on an  
9 internet site:  
10 ..... \$ 265,000

11 28. LEAD-K PROGRAM

12 For purposes of maintaining and implementing the program  
13 established pursuant to section 256.106, including ensuring  
14 statewide consistency in guidance and supports related to  
15 language and communication outcomes for children who are deaf  
16 or hard of hearing:  
17 ..... \$ 200,000

18 29. DIVISION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

19 For general supervision, oversight, compliance, employee  
20 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes  
21 within the area education agency regions and the department  
22 of education main office, and for not more than the following  
23 full-time equivalent positions:  
24 ..... \$ 10,000,000  
25 ..... FTEs 60.00

26 30. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

27 For purposes of providing required professional development  
28 to public and nonpublic schools:  
29 ..... \$ 1,676,458

30 31. COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION

31 a. Administration

32 For general administration salaries, support, maintenance,  
33 and miscellaneous purposes, and for the administration of the  
34 future ready Iowa skilled workforce last-dollar scholarship  
35 program in accordance with section 256.228, including salaries,

1 support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes related to the  
2 future ready Iowa skilled workforce last-dollar scholarship  
3 program, and for not more than the following full-time  
4 equivalent positions:

5 ..... \$ 591,533  
6 ..... FTEs 4.95

7 b. National guard service scholarship program  
8 For purposes of providing national guard service  
9 scholarships under the program established in section 256.210:

10 ..... \$ 6,600,000

11 c. All Iowa opportunity scholarship program  
12 (1) For deposit in the all Iowa opportunity scholarship fund  
13 created in section 256.212:

14 ..... \$ 3,229,468

15 (2) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, if the  
16 moneys appropriated in this lettered paragraph exceed \$500,000,  
17 "eligible institution" as defined in section 256.212 shall,  
18 during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, include  
19 accredited private institutions as defined in section 256.183.

20 d. Teach Iowa scholar program  
21 (1) For deposit in the teach Iowa scholar fund established  
22 in section 256.218:

23 ..... \$ 1,045,248

24 (2) From the moneys appropriated in this paragraph, \$96,533  
25 shall be allocated to grants to eligible applicants under the  
26 teach Iowa scholar program who teach in a school district that  
27 is located in a city in Iowa with a population of less than  
28 twenty-six thousand that is located more than twenty miles from  
29 a city with a population of greater than fifty thousand.

30 e. Health care professional incentive program  
31 For deposit in the health care professional incentive  
32 program fund created in section 256.222:

33 ..... \$ 7,985,911

34 f. Rural veterinarian loan repayment program  
35 For deposit in the rural veterinary care trust fund created

1 in section 256.226:  
2 ..... \$ 700,000  
3 g. Future ready Iowa skilled workforce last-dollar  
4 scholarship program  
5 For deposit in the future ready Iowa skilled workforce  
6 last-dollar scholarship fund created in section 256.228:  
7 ..... \$ 23,927,005  
8 h. Future ready Iowa skilled workforce grant program  
9 For deposit in the future ready Iowa skilled workforce grant  
10 fund created in section 256.229:  
11 ..... \$ 425,000  
12 i. Iowa workforce grant and incentive program  
13 For deposit in the Iowa workforce grant and incentive  
14 program fund created in section 256.230:  
15 ..... \$ 6,500,000  
16 j. Court reporter equipment grant program  
17 For deposit in the court reporter equipment grant program  
18 fund created in section 256.231:  
19 ..... \$ 50,000  
20 32. ADVANCED DYSLEXIA SPECIALIST ENDORSEMENT  
21 For purposes of a grant program that provides grants to  
22 teachers licensed by the board of educational examiners to  
23 offset the costs associated with obtaining an advanced dyslexia  
24 specialist endorsement issued by the board of educational  
25 examiners pursuant to section 256.146, subsection 21:  
26 ..... \$ 335,000  
27 33. SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTRONIC MAIL SECURITY  
28 a. For purposes of procuring, implementing, and maintaining  
29 on-premises and secure electronic mail gateway appliances  
30 that support centralized policy management, automated threat  
31 response, and unified threat visibility, and that utilize  
32 artificial intelligence-powered security subscriptions and  
33 support services to protect school district electronic mail  
34 systems from phishing, compromise, malware, and other advanced  
35 cyber threats:

1 ..... \$ 500,000

2 b. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in  
3 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the  
4 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain  
5 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the  
6 close of the fiscal year that begins July 1, 2030.

7 Sec. 3. IOWA SKILLED WORKER AND JOB CREATION FUND  
8 APPROPRIATIONS. There is appropriated from the Iowa skilled  
9 worker and job creation fund created in [section 8.57J](#) to the  
10 department of education for the fiscal year beginning July  
11 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following amounts, or  
12 so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes  
13 designated:

14 1. For purposes of providing skilled workforce shortage  
15 tuition grants in accordance with section 256.227:  
16 ..... \$ 5,000,000

17 2. For deposit in the workforce training and economic  
18 development funds created pursuant to section 260C.18A:  
19 ..... \$ 15,100,000

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

24 3. a. For capital projects at community colleges that meet  
25 the definition of the term "vertical infrastructure" in section  
26 8.57, subsection 3, paragraph "c":  
27 ..... \$ 6,000,000

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

32 (1) Accelerated career education program capital projects.

33 (2) Major renovations and major repair needs, including  
34 health, life, and fire safety needs, including compliance with  
35 the federal Americans with Disabilities Act.

1 c. (1) If the career training physical expansion program  
2 fund created in section 84J.3 is enacted by 2026 Iowa Acts,  
3 House File 2466, or successor legislation, or by 2026 Iowa  
4 Acts, Senate File 2168, or successor legislation, then the  
5 department of education shall deposit \$3,500,000 of the moneys  
6 appropriated under paragraph "a" into the career training  
7 physical expansion program fund.

8 (2) The deposit of moneys described in this paragraph is  
9 contingent on the career training physical expansion program  
10 fund created in section 84J.3, if enacted by 2026 Iowa Acts,  
11 House File 2466, or successor legislation, or by 2026 Iowa  
12 Acts, Senate File 2168, or successor legislation, receiving no  
13 other moneys for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, in any  
14 Act of the general assembly.

15 4. For deposit in the pathways for academic career and  
16 employment fund created in [section 260H.2](#):

17 ..... \$ 4,800,000

18 5. For deposit in the gap tuition assistance fund  
19 established in [section 260I.2](#):

20 ..... \$ 2,000,000

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

26 ..... \$ 75,000

27 7. For STEM best:

28 ..... \$ 700,000

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

34 Sec. 4. CHIROPRACTIC LOAN FUNDS. Notwithstanding section  
35 256.204, the moneys deposited in the chiropractic loan

1 revolving fund created in section 256.204 for the fiscal year  
2 beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, may be used  
3 for purposes of the chiropractic loan forgiveness program  
4 established in section 256.205.

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

13 DIVISION III

14 FY 2026-2027 APPROPRIATIONS — STATE BOARD OF REGENTS

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

20 1. OFFICE OF STATE BOARD OF REGENTS

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

24 .....	\$	764,642
25 .....	FTEs	2.48

26 For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June  
27 30, 2027, the state board of regents shall submit a quarterly  
28 financial report to the general assembly in a format agreed  
29 upon by the state board of regents office and the legislative  
30 services agency. The report submitted for the quarter ending  
31 December 31, 2026, must include the five-year graduation rates  
32 for the regents universities.

33 b. For distribution to the western Iowa regents resource  
34 center:

35 .....	\$	268,297
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1 c. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending  
2 June 30, 2027, the state board of regents and the institutions  
3 of higher learning governed by the state board of regents  
4 shall not reduce moneys budgeted for the fiscal year for the  
5 institutions' police departments.

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

11 ..... \$ 125,000

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

15 2. STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

16 a. General university

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

20 ..... \$223,496,355

21 ..... FTEs 5,058.32

22 b. Oakdale campus

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

26 ..... \$ 2,103,819

27 ..... FTEs 38.25

28 c. State hygienic laboratory

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

32 ..... \$ 4,822,610

33 ..... FTEs 102.51

34 d. Family practice program

35 For allocation by the dean of the college of medicine, with

1 approval of the advisory board, to qualified participants  
2 to carry out the provisions of **chapter 148D** for the family  
3 practice residency education program, including salaries  
4 and support, and for not more than the following full-time  
5 equivalent positions:

6 ..... \$ 2,220,598  
7 ..... FTEs 2.71

8 e. Child health care services

9 For specialized child health care services, including  
10 childhood cancer diagnostic and treatment network programs,  
11 rural comprehensive care for hemophilia patients, and the  
12 Iowa high-risk infant follow-up program, including salaries  
13 and support, and for not more than the following full-time  
14 equivalent positions:

15 ..... \$ 634,502  
16 ..... FTEs 4.16

17 f. Statewide cancer registry

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

20 ..... \$ 143,410  
21 ..... FTEs 2.10

22 g. Substance abuse consortium

23 For distribution to the Iowa consortium for substance abuse  
24 research and evaluation, and for not more than the following  
25 full-time equivalent positions:

26 ..... \$ 53,427  
27 ..... FTEs .99

28 h. Center for biocatalysis

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

31 ..... \$ 696,342  
32 ..... FTEs 6.28

33 i. Primary health care initiative

34 For the primary health care initiative in the college  
35 of medicine, and for not more than the following full-time

1 equivalent positions:

2 .....	\$	624,374
3 .....	FTEs	6.22

4 From the moneys appropriated in this lettered paragraph,  
5 \$254,889 shall be allocated to the department of family  
6 practice at the state university of Iowa college of medicine  
7 for family practice faculty and support staff.

8 j. Birth defects registry

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

11 .....	\$	36,839
12 .....	FTEs	.38

13 k. Larned A. Waterman Iowa nonprofit resource center

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

17 .....	\$	156,389
18 .....	FTEs	2.75

19 l. Iowa online advanced placement academy science,  
20 technology, engineering, and mathematics initiative

21 For the Iowa online advanced placement academy science,  
22 technology, engineering, and mathematics initiative established  
23 in [section 263.8A](#):

24 .....	\$	463,616
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25 m. Iowa flood center

26 For the Iowa flood center for use by the university's college  
27 of engineering pursuant to [section 466C.1](#):

28 .....	\$	1,205,593
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29 n. College of nursing

30 For employing additional instructors in the college of  
31 nursing to increase the number of students who graduate from  
32 the college of nursing:

33 .....	\$	2,800,000
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34 o. Center for intellectual freedom

35 For purposes of supporting the center for intellectual

1 freedom established in section 263C.2:  
2 ..... \$ 1,000,000  
3 3. IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
4 For salaries, support, maintenance, equipment, financial  
5 aid, and miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the  
6 following full-time equivalent positions:  
7 ..... \$229,864,938  
8 ..... FTEs 4,062.34  
9 4. UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA  
10 a. General university  
11 For salaries, support, maintenance, equipment, financial  
12 aid, and miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the  
13 following full-time equivalent positions:  
14 ..... \$101,894,146  
15 ..... FTEs 1,250.28  
16 b. Real estate education program  
17 For purposes of the real estate education program, and for  
18 not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:  
19 ..... \$ 123,523  
20 ..... FTEs .86  
21 c. Educators for Iowa  
22 For purposes of recruiting additional students to  
23 participate in educational opportunities that lead to teacher  
24 licensure:  
25 ..... \$ 1,500,000  
26 d. Center for civic education  
27 For purposes of establishing and operating a center for  
28 civic education that promotes the values of free speech,  
29 civic leadership, public service, and citizenship, and  
30 that enhances civic education among students enrolled in  
31 colleges and universities in this state, students enrolled  
32 in prekindergarten through grade twelve in schools in this  
33 state, teachers, and the public by developing and implementing  
34 effective civic learning strategies, encouraging respectful  
35 dialogue, and offering educational resources related to free

1 speech and civic knowledge:

2 ..... \$ 1,000,000

3 Sec. 7. ENERGY COST-SAVINGS PROJECTS — FINANCING. For  
4 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30,  
5 2027, the state board of regents may use notes, bonds, or  
6 other evidences of indebtedness issued under [section 262.48](#) to  
7 finance projects that will result in energy cost savings in an  
8 amount that will cause the state board to recover the cost of  
9 the projects within an average of six years.

10 DIVISION IV

11 STANDING APPROPRIATIONS

12 Sec. 8. AT-RISK CHILDREN. Notwithstanding the standing  
13 appropriation in section 279.51 for the fiscal year beginning  
14 July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the amount appropriated  
15 from the general fund of the state to the department of  
16 education for programs for at-risk children under section  
17 279.51 shall not be more than \$10,524,389. The amount of any  
18 reduction in this section shall be prorated among the programs  
19 specified in section 279.51, subsection 1, paragraphs "a", "b",  
20 and "c".

21 Sec. 9. WORK-STUDY APPROPRIATION. Notwithstanding section  
22 256.209, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and  
23 ending June 30, 2027, the amount appropriated from the general  
24 fund of the state to the college student aid commission of  
25 the department of education for the work-study program under  
26 section 256.209 shall be zero.

27 DIVISION V

28 STATE PROGRAM ALLOCATION

29 Sec. 10. Section 284.13, subsection 1, paragraph a,  
30 subparagraph (1), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

31 (1) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026, and  
32 ending June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027, to the department, the amount of  
33 five hundred eight thousand two hundred fifty dollars for the  
34 issuance of national board certification awards in accordance  
35 with [section 256.44](#). Of the amount allocated under this

1 paragraph, not less than eighty-five thousand dollars shall  
2 be used to administer the ambassador to education position in  
3 accordance with [section 256.45](#).

4 Sec. 11. Section 284.13, subsection 1, paragraphs b, c, e,  
5 f, and g, Code 2026, are amended to read as follows:

6 *b.* For the fiscal year beginning July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026, and  
7 ending June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027, up to seven hundred twenty-eight  
8 thousand two hundred sixteen dollars to the department for  
9 purposes of implementing the professional development program  
10 requirements of [section 284.6](#), assistance in developing model  
11 evidence for teacher quality committees established pursuant to  
12 section 284.4, subsection 1, paragraph "b", and the evaluator  
13 training program in [section 284.10](#). A portion of the funds  
14 allocated to the department for purposes of this paragraph may  
15 be used by the department for administrative purposes and for  
16 not more than four full-time equivalent positions.

17 *c.* For the fiscal year beginning July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026,  
18 and ending June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027, an amount up to one million  
19 seventy-seven thousand eight hundred ten dollars to the  
20 department for the establishment of teacher development  
21 academies in accordance with [section 284.6, subsection 10](#). A  
22 portion of the funds allocated to the department for purposes  
23 of this paragraph may be used for administrative purposes.

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

28 *f.* For the fiscal year beginning July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026, and  
29 ending June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027, to the department an amount up  
30 to six hundred twenty-six thousand one hundred ninety-one  
31 dollars shall be used by the department for a delivery system,  
32 in collaboration with area education agencies, to assist in  
33 implementing the career paths and leadership roles considered  
34 pursuant to [sections 284.15, 284.16, and 284.17](#), including but  
35 not limited to planning grants to school districts and area

1 education agencies, technical assistance for the department,  
2 technical assistance for districts and area education agencies,  
3 training and staff development, and the contracting of external  
4 expertise and services. In using moneys allocated for purposes  
5 of this paragraph, the department shall give priority to school  
6 districts with certified enrollments of fewer than six hundred  
7 students. A portion of the moneys allocated annually to the  
8 department for purposes of this paragraph may be used by the  
9 department for administrative purposes and for not more than  
10 five full-time equivalent positions.

11 *g.* For the fiscal year beginning July 1, ~~2026~~ 2027, and  
12 for each subsequent fiscal year, to the department, ten  
13 million dollars for purposes of implementing the supplemental  
14 assistance for high-need schools provisions of [section 284.11](#).  
15 Annually, of the moneys allocated to the department for  
16 purposes of this paragraph, up to one hundred thousand dollars  
17 may be used by the department for administrative purposes and  
18 for not more than one full-time equivalent position.

19 DIVISION VI

20 IOWA TUITION GRANTS

21 Sec. 12. Section 256.183, subsection 3, Code 2026, is  
22 amended to read as follows:

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

~~1 percent of the amount received by the institution's students  
2 for Iowa tuition grant assistance under [section 256.191](#). For  
3 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, the school of barbering  
4 and cosmetology arts and sciences shall provide a matching  
5 aggregate amount of institutional financial aid equal to at  
6 least eighty-five percent of the amount received in that fiscal  
7 year. Commencing with the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019,  
8 and each succeeding fiscal year, the matching aggregate amount  
9 of institutional financial aid shall be at least equal to the  
10 match provided by eligible institutions under [section 261.9](#),  
11 subsection 3, paragraph "a", Code 2023.~~

12 Sec. 13. Section 256.192, subsections 1, 2, 4, and 5, Code  
13 2026, are amended to read as follows:

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

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

21 b. An eligible institution.

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

1 are required to complete the program, the student may continue  
2 to receive a vocational-technical tuition grant for not more  
3 than one additional enrollment period.

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

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

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

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

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

1 full-time student times a number which represents the number  
2 of hours in which the part-time student is actually enrolled  
3 divided by twelve semester hours, or the equivalent.

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

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

27 Sec. 14. Section 256.194, subsection 2, Code 2026, is  
28 amended by striking the subsection.

29 Sec. 15. Section 256.194, subsection 3, Code 2026, is  
30 amended to read as follows:

31 3. For each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2025,  
32 there is appropriated from the general fund of the state to  
33 the commission for deposit in the vocational-technical tuition  
34 grants fund established in [section 256.192, subsection 8](#), the  
35 ~~sum of one million seven hundred fifty thousand one hundred~~

1 ~~eighty-five~~ one million eight hundred sixty-three thousand  
2 ninety-nine dollars.

3 Sec. 16. REPEAL. Section 256.191, Code 2026, is repealed.

4 Sec. 17. TRANSFER OF MONEYS. Any moneys appropriated to  
5 the college student aid commission for purposes of the Iowa  
6 tuition grants for-profit institutions fund established in  
7 section 256.191, subsection 8, that remain unencumbered or  
8 unobligated as of July 1, 2026, shall be transferred to the  
9 vocational-technical tuition grants fund established in section  
10 256.192, subsection 8.

11 DIVISION VII

12 IOWA SPECIAL EDUCATION COUNCIL — REPEAL

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

14 DIVISION VIII

15 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION — REPORTING REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO  
16 ANTIBULLYING PROGRAMMING

17 Sec. 19. Section 279.51A, subsection 5, Code 2026, is  
18 amended to read as follows:

19 5. a. Each school district shall report to the department  
20 of education, in a manner prescribed by the department, an  
21 annual count of all incidents of violence that result in  
22 injury or property damage or assault by a student in a school  
23 building, on school grounds, or at a school-sponsored function,  
24 and any time a student is referred for the use of or transfer  
25 to a therapeutic classroom. The report shall include but not  
26 be limited to demographic information on students reported as  
27 victims and reported as perpetrators of incidents of violence  
28 that result in injury or property damage or assault, including  
29 but not limited to disaggregated information on race, gender,  
30 national origin, age, grade level, and disability, along with  
31 any other data required for the department to implement the  
32 federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by  
33 the federal Every Student Succeeds Act, Pub. L. No. 114-95,  
34 with appropriate safeguards to ensure student privacy. The  
35 department shall compile the reports.

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

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

7 (2) A description of the department's antibullying  
8 programming and current and projected expenditures for the  
9 antibullying programming for the immediately preceding fiscal  
10 year.

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

30 DIVISION IX

31 BOARD OF EDUCATIONAL EXAMINERS — FEES

32 Sec. 20. Section 256.155, subsections 2 and 3, Code 2026,  
33 are amended to read as follows:

34 2. Licensing fees are payable to the treasurer of state and  
35 shall be deposited with the executive director of the board.

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