HOUSE FILE 532
BY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 439)
(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 184)

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A BILL FOR

An Act establishing a qualified instruction funding supplement for the school budget year beginning July 1, 2020, making appropriations, and including effective date provisions.

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

Section 1. QUALIFIED INSTRUCTION FUNDING SUPPLEMENT FOR FY 2020-2021 — APPROPRIATION.

1. a. For the school budget year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021, each public school district shall receive a qualified instruction funding supplement. The supplement shall be in an amount calculated by the department of management equal to the percentage of the amount appropriated under subsection 4 that is proportionate to the school district's total in-person instruction days as a share of the statewide total in-person instruction days.

b. For purposes of this section:

(1) "Total in-person instruction days" means the sum of the number of school days the school district offered in-person instruction within the school district between [July 1,] 2020, and January 29, 2021, multiplied by the actual enrollment of the school [district, as determined under section 257.6, subsection 1,] for the budget year beginning July 1, 2020. Each school day for which the school district offered in-person instruction to all students within the school district for six or more hours shall be counted as one school day. Each school day for which the school district offered in-person instruction to all students within the school district for three or more hours but less than six hours shall be counted as one-half of a school day. Each school day for which the school district offered in-person instruction to one-half or more but less than all students for six or more hours shall be counted as one-half of a school day. [For purposes of determining a school district's total in-person instruction days, and subject to the instructional hour requirements of this subparagraph, students who were offered instruction primarily through remote learning or hybrid learning for school days between August 10, 2020, and January 29, 2021, as the direct result of damage to a school attendance center caused by severe weather on or about August 10, 2020, for which a proclamation of disaster emergency was issued by the governor, shall be considered as being offered

in-person instruction by the school district. In addition, if a school district was unable to provide in-person instruction, remote learning, or hybrid learning on a school day between August 10, 2020, and January 29, 2021, as the direct result of damage to a school attendance center caused by severe weather on or about August 10, 2020, for which a proclamation of disaster emergency was issued by the governor, and that day was previously scheduled as an instructional day as part of the school district's calendar approved by the school district's board of directors, then that day of missed instruction shall be considered one day of in-person instruction by the school district for purposes of determining a school district's total in-person instruction days.]

(2) "Statewide total in-person instruction days" means the sum of each amount determined under subparagraph (1) for all public school districts in the state.

2. The qualified instruction funding supplement shall be miscellaneous income, shall be deposited in the general fund of the school district, may be used for any school general fund purpose[during any school budget year beginning on or after July 1, 2020], and shall not be included in district cost.

3. The qualified instruction funding supplement shall be paid at the same time and in the same manner as foundation aid is paid under section 257.16, and may be included in the remaining monthly payments of state aid under section 257.16, subsection 2, for the budget year beginning July 1, 2020.

4. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of management for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021,[twenty-seven million two hundred thousand] dollars to be used for the payment of qualified instruction funding supplement payments under this section.

5. Each public school district in the state shall certify to the department of management on or before the fourteenth day after the effective date of this Act, the school district's

total in-person instruction days as determined under subsection 1, paragraph "b", subparagraph (1).

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.