

CHAPTER 1166

SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPPLEMENTARY WEIGHTING — SHARED OPERATIONAL FUNCTIONS

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AN ACT relating to shared operational functions for purposes of supplementary weighting for school districts and including effective date and applicability provisions.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. [Section 257.11, subsection 5](#), unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2018, is amended to read as follows:

Shared operational functions — increased student opportunities — budget years beginning in 2014 through ~~2019~~ 2024.

Sec. 2. [Section 257.11, subsection 5](#), paragraph a, subparagraph (1), Code 2018, is amended to read as follows:

(1) In order to provide additional funding to increase student opportunities and redirect more resources to student programming for school districts that share operational functions, a district that shares with a political subdivision one or more operational functions of a curriculum director, master social worker, independent social worker, or school counselor, or one or more operational functions in the areas of superintendent management, business management, human resources, transportation, or operation and maintenance for at least twenty percent of the school year shall be assigned a supplementary weighting for each shared operational function. A school district that shares an operational function in the area of superintendent management shall be assigned a supplementary weighting of eight pupils for the function. A school district that shares an operational function in the area of business management, human resources, transportation, or operation and maintenance shall be assigned a supplementary weighting of five pupils for the function. A school district that shares the operational functions of a curriculum director, a master social worker or an independent social worker licensed under [chapters 147 and 154C](#), or a school counselor shall be assigned a supplementary weighting of three pupils for the function. The additional weighting shall be assigned for each discrete operational function shared. However, a school district may receive the additional weighting under [this subsection](#) for sharing the services of an individual with a political subdivision even if the type of operational function performed by the individual for the school district and the type of operational function performed by the individual for the political subdivision are not the same operational function, so long as both operational functions are eligible for weighting under [this subsection](#). In such case, the school district shall be assigned the additional weighting for the type of operational function that the individual performs for the school district, and the school district shall not receive additional weighting for any other function performed by the individual. The operational function sharing arrangement does not need to be a newly implemented sharing arrangement to receive supplementary weighting under [this subsection](#).

Sec. 3. [Section 257.11, subsection 5](#), paragraphs c, d, and e, Code 2018, are amended to read as follows:

c. Supplementary weighting pursuant to [this subsection](#) shall be available to a school district ~~for a maximum of five years~~ during the period commencing with the budget year beginning July 1, 2014, through the budget year beginning July 1, ~~2019~~ 2024. The maximum amount of additional weighting for which a school district shall be eligible in a budget year is twenty-one additional pupils. Criteria for determining the qualification of operational functions for supplementary weighting shall be determined by the department by rule, through consideration of increased student opportunities.

d. Supplementary weighting pursuant to [this subsection](#) shall be available to an area education agency ~~for a maximum of five years~~ during the period commencing with the budget year beginning July 1, 2014, through the budget year beginning July 1, ~~2019~~ 2024. The minimum amount of additional funding for which an area education agency shall be eligible

in a budget year is thirty thousand dollars, and the maximum amount of additional funding for which an area education agency shall be eligible is two hundred thousand dollars. The department of management shall annually set a weighting for each area education agency to generate the approved operational sharing expense using the area education agency's special education cost per pupil amount and foundation level. Criteria for determining the qualification of operational functions for supplementary weighting shall be determined by the department by rule, through consideration of increased student opportunities.

e. [This subsection](#) is repealed effective July 1, ~~2020~~ 2025.

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

Sec. 5. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to school budget years beginning on or after July 1, 2018, subject to the school budget year limitations of [section 257.11, subsection 5](#).

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