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HOUSE FILE 239
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring the school budget review committee to grant
2 transportation assistance aid to school districts under
3 certain circumstances and making a standing appropriation.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 257.31, subsection 17, paragraph a,
2 Code 2005, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. If a district's average transportation costs per pupil
4 exceed the state average transportation costs per pupil
5 determined under paragraph "c" by one hundred ~~five~~ fifty percent,
6 the committee ~~may~~ shall grant transportation assistance aid to
7 the district in an amount up to, but not exceeding, fifty
8 cents of transportation assistance for each dollar by which
9 the district's average transportation costs per pupil exceed
10 the state average transportation costs per pupil as determined
11 under paragraph "c". Such aid shall be miscellaneous income
12 and shall not be included in district cost.

13 Sec. 2. Section 257.31, subsection 17, Code 2005, is
14 amended by adding the following new paragraphs:

15 NEW PARAGRAPH. e. There is appropriated from the general
16 fund of the state to the committee, for the fiscal year
17 beginning July 1, 2005, and each succeeding fiscal year, up to
18 eight million seven hundred sixty-four thousand dollars for
19 transportation assistance aid to school districts as provided
20 in this subsection, which shall supplement, not supplant, the
21 moneys appropriated pursuant to paragraph "d".

22 NEW PARAGRAPH. f. The committee shall adopt rules
23 pursuant to chapter 17A for granting transportation assistance
24 aid and for otherwise administering this subsection.

25 EXPLANATION

26 This bill appropriates approximately \$8.76 million annually
27 to the school budget review committee for transportation
28 assistance aid to school districts, in an amount up to 50
29 cents for each dollar by which the district's average
30 transportation costs exceed the state average transportation
31 costs per pupil. The moneys appropriated are to supplement,
32 not supplant, moneys appropriated to the committee from the
33 sale of vehicle registration plates with an education emblem.

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