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EDUCATION

HOUSE FILE 390

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Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____ Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for an increase in the amount of supplementary
2 weighting applicable to limited English proficient students,
3 and providing an effective date.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 280.4, subsection 3, Code 2005, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 3. In order to provide funds for the excess costs of
4 instruction of limited English proficient students above the
5 costs of instruction of pupils in a regular curriculum,
6 students identified as limited English proficient shall be
7 assigned an additional weighting of ~~twenty-two~~ thirty-two
8 hundredths, and that weighting shall be included in the
9 weighted enrollment of the school district of residence for a
10 period not exceeding three years. However, the school budget
11 review committee may grant supplemental aid or modified
12 allowable growth to a school district to continue funding a
13 program for students after the expiration of the three-year
14 period.

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

17 EXPLANATION

18 This bill increases the additional weighting assigned to
19 limited English proficient students under the school finance
20 formula from the current level of twenty-two hundredths to the
21 level of thirty-two hundredths. The effect of the additional
22 weighting is to count a limited English proficient student as
23 more than one student for purposes of determining enrollment
24 in a school district, which generates additional funding for
25 limited English proficient programs.

26 The bill takes effect upon enactment.

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