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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act providing for the establishment of an Iowa educator  
2 professional growth program, making an appropriation, and  
3 including effective and applicability date provisions.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 257.8, Code 2005, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 4A. ALTERNATE ALLOWABLE GROWTH --  
4 PROFESSIONAL GROWTH FUND.

5 a. Notwithstanding the calculation in subsection 2, the  
6 department of management shall calculate the regular program  
7 allowable growth for the budget year beginning July 1, 2005,  
8 by multiplying the state percent of growth for the budget year  
9 by the regular program state cost per pupil for the base year,  
10 and add to the resulting product ten dollars. For purposes of  
11 determining the amount of a budget adjustment as defined in  
12 section 257.14, ten dollars shall be subtracted from the  
13 school district's regular program cost per pupil for the  
14 budget year beginning July 1, 2005, prior to determining the  
15 amount of the adjustment.

16 b. A school district shall calculate allowable growth  
17 pursuant to the provisions of subsection 2 for the budget year  
18 beginning July 1, 2006, and succeeding budget years, utilizing  
19 a regular program state cost per pupil figure which  
20 incorporates the ten dollar increase in regular program  
21 allowable growth calculated for the budget year beginning July  
22 1, 2005.

23 c. Amounts generated by the ten dollar addition to  
24 allowable growth for the budget year beginning July 1, 2005,  
25 pursuant to this section shall be utilized exclusively by  
26 school districts for professional growth programs and  
27 opportunities pursuant to section 257.51.

28 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 257.51 IOWA EDUCATOR PROFESSIONAL  
29 GROWTH PROGRAM.

30 1. An Iowa educator professional growth program is  
31 established, to be administered by the department of  
32 education. The objective of the program shall be to make  
33 available professional growth opportunities to primary and  
34 secondary school teachers on an annual basis. The  
35 opportunities shall be modeled after or reflect best practices

1 relating to proven quality teaching instruction techniques  
2 tailored to a teacher's specific grade level and area of  
3 instruction. Boards of school districts, individually or  
4 jointly with the boards of other school districts, shall  
5 annually submit program plans for educator professional growth  
6 opportunities to the department. The department shall develop  
7 guidelines for the development of the programs, and provide  
8 assistance either through direct sponsorship of some programs  
9 of instruction in coordination with the board of educational  
10 examiners or by providing consultation services to individual  
11 school districts or combinations of school districts.

12 2. The budget for the Iowa educator professional growth  
13 program shall be funded annually by the ten dollar increase in  
14 allowable growth for the school budget year beginning July 1,  
15 2005, increased by the growth of the regular program district  
16 cost each year, pursuant to section 257.8, subsection 4A. The  
17 proportion of a school district's budget which corresponds to  
18 the ten dollar increase in allowable growth for the school  
19 budget year beginning July 1, 2005, shall be utilized  
20 exclusively for a school district's educator professional  
21 growth program. The funds utilized shall supplement, and not  
22 supplant, teacher compensation and career development funding  
23 pursuant to section 284.7, and amounts otherwise available to  
24 a school district for such purposes.

25 Sec. 3. APPLICABILITY DATE. This Act, being deemed of  
26 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment for the  
27 computation of state school aid for school budget years  
28 beginning on or after July 1, 2005.

29 EXPLANATION

30 This bill provides for the establishment of an Iowa  
31 educator professional growth program to be funded by an  
32 increase in the allowable growth dollar amount for a specified  
33 budget year.

34 The bill provides that the department of management shall  
35 calculate the regular program allowable growth for the budget

1 year beginning July 1, 2005, by multiplying the state percent  
2 of growth for the budget year by the regular program state  
3 cost per pupil for the base year and adding \$10 to the  
4 resulting product. The bill provides that the additional \$10  
5 per pupil shall be subtracted from the school district's  
6 regular program cost per pupil for the budget year beginning  
7 July 1, 2005, in determining the amount of a school district's  
8 budget adjustment for purposes of the school budget guarantee  
9 pursuant to Code section 257.14. The bill provides that a  
10 school district shall calculate allowable growth for the  
11 school budget year beginning July 1, 2006, and succeeding  
12 budget years, utilizing a regular program state cost per pupil  
13 figure which incorporates the \$10 increase in regular program  
14 allowable growth.

15 The bill additionally provides that amounts generated by  
16 the \$10 addition to allowable growth shall be utilized  
17 exclusively by school districts for professional growth  
18 programs and opportunities pursuant to new Code section  
19 257.51. That Code section establishes an Iowa educator  
20 professional growth program to be administered by the  
21 department of education. The bill provides that the objective  
22 of the program shall be to make available professional growth  
23 opportunities to primary and secondary school teachers on an  
24 annual basis. The bill provides that school boards shall  
25 individually or jointly annually submit program plans for  
26 educator professional growth opportunities to the department,  
27 and that the department shall develop guidelines for the  
28 development of the programs, and provide assistance either  
29 through direct sponsorship of some programs in coordination  
30 with the board of educational examiners or by providing  
31 consultation services.

32 The bill provides that the funds shall supplement, and not  
33 supplant, amounts otherwise available to a school district for  
34 teacher compensation and professional growth purposes.

35 The bill takes effect upon enactment and is applicable for

1 computation of state school aid for school budget years  
2 beginning on or after July 1, 2005.

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**Fiscal Note**

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**Description**

House File 699 establishes an Iowa Educator Professional Growth Program funded by a \$10 increase in the allowable growth amount beginning in FY 2006. There is an adjustment to the FY 2006 budget guarantee calculation so that districts receiving the budget guarantee do not have a reduction due to the increase in regular program funding. The \$10 increase is carried forward in the allowable growth calculation into future years.

**Assumptions**

The standard assumptions are applied to the School Foundation Aid Formula for this estimate.

1. The allowable growth rate is 4.0% for FY 2006 and FY 2007.
2. Taxable valuations are projected to increase by 2.3% in FY 2006 and 2.0% in FY 2007.
3. Enrollments are based on the September 2004 headcount for FY 2006 and the Department of Education's preliminary estimate for FY 2007.
4. Special education weightings increased 1.1% in FY 2006 and are projected to increase by 3.5% in FY 2007.
5. Shared supplemental weightings and English as a second language (ESL) weightings are projected to increase by 10.0% in both years.
6. No change is projected for the at-risk or the reorganization incentive weightings.

**Fiscal Impact**

House File 699 is projected to increase the General Fund State Foundation Aid costs by \$4.5 million in FY 2006 and \$5.6 million in FY 2007. Foundation Property Taxes are projected to increase by \$1.1 million in FY 2006 and \$231,000 in FY 2007.

**Source**

Department of Management, School Foundation Data Base

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The fiscal note and correctional impact statement for this bill was prepared pursuant to Joint Rule 17 and pursuant to Section 2.56, Code of Iowa. Data used in developing this fiscal note and correctional impact statement are available from the Fiscal Services Division, Legislative Services Agency to members of the Legislature upon request.

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