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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to education funding by increasing the regular
2 program foundation base per pupil, and providing an
3 applicability date.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 257.1, subsection 2, unnumbered
2 paragraph 2, Code 2005, is amended by striking the unnumbered
3 paragraph and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

4 For the budget year commencing July 1, 2006, the regular
5 program foundation base per pupil is eighty-seven and five-
6 tenths percent of the regular program state cost per pupil.
7 For a budget year commencing on or after July 1, 2007, if the
8 state percent of growth established pursuant to section 257.8
9 for that budget year represents an increase of at least one
10 percent over the state percent of growth established for the
11 previous budget year, the regular program foundation base per
12 pupil for that budget year shall be the amount established for
13 the base year, increased by an amount corresponding to one-
14 tenth of one percent for each one percent increase in the
15 state percent of growth established for the budget year. If
16 the state percent of growth established pursuant to section
17 257.8 for a budget year does not increase over, or decreases
18 from, the state percent of growth established for the previous
19 budget year, the regular program foundation base per pupil
20 shall remain at the level determined for the previous budget
21 year. The regular program foundation base per pupil increases
22 shall continue until the regular program foundation base per
23 pupil reaches one hundred percent of the regular program state
24 cost per pupil, at which point the regular program foundation
25 base shall remain at one hundred percent of the regular
26 program state cost per pupil for succeeding budget years.

27 For each budget year, the special education support
28 services foundation base is seventy-nine percent of the
29 special education support services state cost per pupil. The
30 combined foundation base is the sum of the regular program
31 foundation base and the special education support services
32 foundation base.

33 Sec. 2. APPLICABILITY DATE. This Act is applicable to the
34 school budget year beginning July 1, 2006, and succeeding
35 school budget years.

EXPLANATION

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This bill provides a mechanism for increasing the regular program foundation base per pupil pursuant to Code section 257.1, subsection 2, from the current level of 87.5 percent to 100 percent, if specified conditions are met.

The bill provides that for the budget year commencing July 1, 2007, and succeeding budget years, if the state percent of growth established pursuant to Code section 257.8 for a budget year represents an increase of at least 1 percent over the state percent of growth established for the previous budget year, the regular program foundation base per pupil shall be increased by an amount corresponding to .1 percent for each 1 percent increase in the state percent of growth established for the budget year. If the state percent of growth does not increase, or decreases, the bill provides that the regular program foundation base per pupil shall remain at the level determined for the previous budget year. The bill provides that the increases shall continue until the regular program foundation base per pupil reaches 100 percent of the regular program state cost per pupil, at which point the regular program foundation base shall remain at 100 percent.

The bill is applicable for the school budget year beginning July 1, 2006, and succeeding budget years.