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Senate File 497

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By APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.

A BILL FOR

An Act to appropriate three million dollars (\$3,000,000.00) for emergency aid to the public schools of Iowa, for each year of the biennium, beginning July 1, 1947, and ending June 30, 1949, and providing for the distribution thereof.

WHEREAS, as a result of World War II and the unbalanced economic conditions arising therefrom, an inflation has occurred throughout the United States, and the state of Iowa, and

WHEREAS, the cost of education for the local public school districts of the state of Iowa has been increased together with the cost of city, county, and state government because of such inflation, and

WHEREAS, the present inflation seems now to be at or near its peak, and a recession is generally accepted as the resulting consequence of such inflation, and

WHEREAS, an emergency is now declared to exist and it seems proper to grant emergency aid to the public schools of Iowa, Now Therefore

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

1 Section 1. There is hereby appropriated for each year
2 of the biennium beginning July 1, 1947, and ending June 30,
3 1949, the sum of three million dollars (\$3,000,000.00) for
4 emergency aid to the public schools of the State of Iowa.

1 Sec. 2. The funds hereby appropriated shall be appor-
2 tioned in the same manner as is provided for the distribution
3 of general school aid under the provisions of House File 93

4 as enacted by the Fifty-Second General Assembly of Iowa. For
5 the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this act for the
6 distribution of general aid herein appropriated, the funds of
7 each school district, except school house funds, shall be
8 designated as a general fund and a special courses fund.

9 All monies distributed to a public school district
10 from the appropriations provided by this act shall be placed
11 by said school district in the said general fund of said dis-
12 trict which fund shall be used only for the following pur-
13 poses:

14 The proportionate cost of operating and maintaining the
15 school buildings and the proportionate cost of instruction
16 and supervision occasioned by the teaching of the basic curri-
17 culum hereinafter described.

18 The special courses fund shall consist of monies raised
19 by levy against the taxable property of the school district for
20 the proportionate cost of operating and maintaining buildings
21 and the proportionate cost of instruction and supervision in
22 teaching courses other than those included in the basic curri-
23 culum.

24 For the purposes of this Act, there is hereby establish-
25 ed in each public school a basic curriculum which shall consist
26 of the following subjects:

27 a. In the elementary school, the following: reading,
28 writing, arithmetic, spelling, grammar including written and
29 oral language and speech, geography, United States history,

30 history of Iowa, elementary principles of American government,¹
31 music, health and sanitation, physiology and hygiene including
32 the teaching of the effects of alcohol, narcotics and poisons
33 upon the human system, physical education, elementary sciences
34 including conservation, and art.

35 b. In the junior and senior high school, the following:
36 principles of American government, Constitutions of the United
37 States and Iowa, history, economics, sociology, physical educa-
38 tion, music, industrial arts, English, mathematics, science,
39 language, business education, home economics, agriculture, and
40 vocational education.

41 The board of directors of each school district shall pre-
42 pare a budget as required by law setting out the amount of money
43 proposed to be expended from the general fund and from the
44 special courses fund. The board shall include all state funds
45 distributed to the district under the provisions of this Act
46 in the anticipated income to be received by the general fund,
47 and the amount to be raised by taxation for general fund pur-
48 poses shall be fixed after deducting the amount to be received
49 from the appropriations in this Act and any other funds re-
50 ceived from the state of Iowa, from the budget requirements.
51 The board shall include in its budget as a separate item, any
52 proposed expenditures from the special courses fund and the
53 amount to be raised by taxation for such purposes shall be a
54 separate item and the levy made therefor shall be separate and
55 distinct from the levy for general fund purposes.

56 No transfer of funds shall be made to the special courses
57 fund from the general fund, any provision of the law to the
58 contrary notwithstanding.

59 The state comptroller shall not approve any application
60 for increased expenditures in the general fund by said district
61 as provided in section two hundred ninety-eight point two (298.2),
62 Code 1946, if any levy is made for the special courses fund.