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Passed House, Date

Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....

Passed Senate, Date.....

Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....

Approved

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend chapter two hundred fifty-eight (258), Code
1950, relating to state aid for vocational education.

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

1 Section 1. Sections two hundred fifty-eight point five
2 (258.5) and two hundred fifty-eight point eight (258.8), Code
3 1950, are hereby repealed and the following substituted in lieu
4 thereof:

5 "Whenever a school district maintains an approved vocational
6 school, department, or classes in accordance with the rules and
7 regulations established by the state board and the state plan
8 for vocational education, adopted by that board and approved by
9 the U. S. office of education or other federal agency to which
10 its functions are assigned, the state board shall reimburse such
11 school district at the end of the fiscal year for its expenditures
12 for salaries and authorized travel of vocational teachers from
13 federal and state funds: Provided, that no school district shall
14 receive from federal and state funds a larger amount than one-
15 half the sum which has been expended by the school district for

16 that particular type of program; further, provided that in the
17 event federal and state funds are not sufficient to make such
18 reimbursement to the extent herein provided, the state board shall
19 prorate the respective amounts available to the district entitled
20 to such reimbursement.

21 “The state board shall have the authority to use federal
22 funds to reimburse approved teacher training schools, departments,
23 or classes for the training of teachers of agriculture, home
24 economics, trades and industrial education, distributive
25 education, and for the training of guidance counselors.

1 Sec. 2. Section two hundred fifty-eight point six (258.6)
2 is amended by inserting the words “and state” after the word
3 “federal” in line five (5) and inserting words “and authorized
4 travel” after the word “salaries” in line five (5).

1 Sec. 3. There is hereby created as a permanent fund in
2 the office of the state board for vocational education a fund
3 to be known as the vocational education aid fund to be used
4 for reimbursement to local districts for programs of vocational
5 education conducted in accordance with the provisions of this
6 chapter, and for the purpose of establishing and maintaining
7 such fund for each fiscal year beginning July 1, 1951, there is
8 appropriated thereto from funds in the general fund not otherwise
9 appropriated the sum of three hundred thousand dollars
10 (\$300,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary.

1 Sec. 4. This Act being deemed of immediate importance
2 shall be in full force and effect on its publication in the

- 3 Odebolt Chronicle, a newspaper published at Odebolt, Iowa
- 4 and in The Sac Sun, a newspaper published at Sac City, Iowa.

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 182

The purpose of this legislation is to provide state funds to supplement federal funds available for reimbursing local school districts for programs of vocational education. This legislation will also amend chapter two hundred fifty-eight (258), Code 1950, so as to define the method of distribution of such state funds, as well as federal funds, by the state board for vocational education.

Iowa is one of two states that does not have such an appropriation at the present time, the only state appropriation in the past being for state administration and supervision. Consequently, Iowa is far short of funds to adequately assist present local programs. The situation is further complicated by the fact that there is dire need for expansion of the vocational education program. Many Iowa communities have requested this program, but the state board is handicapped in expanding due to lack of funds.