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Appropriation.

House File 584
By SLOANE and RYAN.

Passed House, Date

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

Passed Senate, Date

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

Approved.....

A BILL FOR

An Act providing for state aid to distressed school districts, providing for the administration of such aid by the state department of public instruction, and making an appropriation for the payment of such aid.

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

1 Section 1. There is hereby appropriated from any funds not
2 otherwise appropriated in the general fund of the state of Iowa
3 the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00) annually,
4 or so much as may be necessary for the purpose of aiding distressed
5 school districts. Such appropriation shall be set aside as a
6 special fund to be known as the distressed school district fund,
7 and shall be subject to expenditures by the state superintendent
8 of public instruction as provided in this Act.

1 Sec. 2. A distressed school district shall be defined as
2 being any district in the state of Iowa for which a millage levy
3 of more than fifty (50) mills for the general fund of such
4 school district is required under the provisions of law for the
5 payment of authorized expenditures for the operation of such
6 school district in any year, or which has an assessed valuation
7 of less than for each person of school

8 census age residing in such district, or which because of an
9 emergency where extraordinary conditions result in increased
10 cost of operation is unable to finance its operation from
11 available income.

1 Sec. 3. Any distressed school district may on or before
2 July 1st of any year make application to the state superintendent
3 of public instruction for aid in the operation of such district
4 for the following school year or for any portion of such school
5 year. The state superintendent of public instruction shall
6 investigate any such application for aid, and shall determine
7 whether such district is in requirement and deserving of
8 assistance from the state. If the state superintendent finds
9 that said district requires assistance in order to avoid undue
10 burden of taxation, there shall be allocated from the distressed
11 school fund as provided by this Act such amount as is deemed
12 proper by said state superintendent. Such allotment shall be
13 made prior to September 1st of the year in which application is
14 made, and the state superintendent in making allocations under
15 the provisions of this Act shall take into consideration all
16 claims made by all school districts of the state in determining
17 allocations to be made to any specific district. No allocation
18 shall be made to any district where the assessed valuation upon
19 which taxes are levied upon real and personal property for the
20 school year for which an allocation is requested is not found
21 by the state superintendent to be based upon substantially sixty
22 per cent (60%) of the actual value of property in such district

23 as provided by law.

1 Sec. 4. This Act being deemed of immediate importance shall
2 be in full force and effect from and after its passage and
3 publication in the, a newspaper published at
4, Iowa, and in the, a
5 newspaper published at, Iowa.

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 584

This bill gives relief to those school districts where the school millage levy for the general fund is more than 50 mills. Such continued taxation will gradually force bankruptcy in those few districts in Iowa.