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SENATE FILE 468
BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 357)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for the utilization of cash reserves by a school
2 district for increased utility costs, and providing effective
3 dates.

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

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SF 468

1 Section 1. Section 257.31, subsection 7, unnumbered
2 paragraph 1, Code 2001, is amended to read as follows:

3 The committee may authorize a district to spend a
4 reasonable and specified amount from its unexpended cash
5 balance for either any of the following purposes:

6 Sec. 2. Section 257.31, subsection 7, Code 2001, is
7 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

8 NEW PARAGRAPH. c. The costs associated with increased
9 utility expenses over the level of utility expenses incurred
10 during the previous budget year.

11 Sec. 3. Section 257.31, subsection 7, paragraph c, Code
12 Supplement 2001, is amended by striking the paragraph.

13 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATES. Sections 1 and 2 of this Act,
14 being deemed of immediate importance, take effect upon
15 enactment. Section 3 of this Act takes effect June 30, 2003.

16 EXPLANATION

17 This bill provides that the school budget review committee
18 may authorize a school district to spend a reasonable and
19 specified amount from its unexpended cash balance to pay the
20 costs associated with increased utility expenses over the
21 level of utility expenses incurred by the school district
22 during the previous budget year. The provisions in the bill
23 authorizing utilizing the unexpended cash balance to pay
24 increased utility costs take effect upon enactment, and are
25 repealed effective June 30, 2003.

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S-3206

1 Amend Senate File 468 as follows:

2 1. By striking everything after the enacting
3 clause and inserting the following:

4 "Section 1. Section 257.31, subsection 5, Code
5 2001, is amended by adding the following new
6 paragraph:

7 NEW PARAGRAPH. m. Unusual costs associated with
8 increased utility expenses over the level of utility
9 expenses incurred during the school year beginning
10 July 1, 1999.

11 Sec. 2. Section 257.31, subsection 5, paragraph m,
12 is amended by striking the paragraph.

13 Sec. 3. RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY. Section 1 of
14 this Act is retroactively applicable to July 1, 2000,
15 for the purpose of establishing a modified allowable
16 growth for the school year beginning July 1, 2000, and
17 is applicable for the school years beginning July 1,
18 2001, and July 1, 2002.

19 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATES. Section 1 of this Act,
20 being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect
21 upon enactment. Section 2 of this Act takes effect
22 June 30, 2003."

23 2. Title page, by striking lines 1 and 2 and
24 inserting the following: "An Act providing for a
25 modified allowable growth for school districts facing
26 increased utility costs, and providing retroactive
27 applicability and effective".

By MIKE CONNOLLY

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