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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the amount of state assistance provided to
2 each school district to purchase textbooks for accredited
3 nonpublic school pupils.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 301.1, Code 2001, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 301.1 ADOPTION -- PURCHASE AND SALE -- ACCREDITED
4 NONPUBLIC SCHOOL PUPIL TEXTBOOK SERVICES.

5 1. The board of directors of each and every school
6 district is hereby authorized and empowered to adopt textbooks
7 for the teaching of all branches that are now or may hereafter
8 be authorized to be taught in the public schools of the state,
9 and to contract for and buy said books and any and all other
10 necessary school supplies at said contract prices, and to sell
11 the same to the pupils of their respective districts at cost,
12 loan such textbooks to such pupils free, or rent them to such
13 pupils at such reasonable fee as the board shall fix, and said
14 money so received shall be returned to the general fund.

15 2. Textbooks adopted and purchased by a school district
16 ~~may~~ and shall, to the extent funds are appropriated by the
17 general assembly, be made available to pupils attending
18 accredited nonpublic schools upon request of the pupil or the
19 pupil's parent under comparable terms as made available to
20 pupils attending public schools. If the general assembly
21 appropriates moneys for purposes of making textbooks available
22 to accredited nonpublic school pupils, the department of
23 education shall ascertain the amount available to a school
24 district for the purchase of nonsectarian, nonreligious
25 textbooks for pupils attending accredited nonpublic schools.
26 The amount shall be in the proportion that the basic
27 enrollment of a participating accredited nonpublic school
28 bears to the sum of the basic enrollments of all participating
29 accredited nonpublic schools in the state for the budget year.
30 For purposes of this section, a "participating accredited
31 nonpublic school" means an accredited nonpublic school that
32 submits a written request on behalf of the school's pupils in
33 accordance with this subsection, and that certifies its actual
34 enrollment to the department of education by October 1,
35 annually. By October 15, annually, the department of

1 education shall certify to the director of revenue and finance
2 the annual amount to be paid to each school district, and the
3 director of revenue and finance shall draw warrants payable to
4 school districts in accordance with this subsection. For
5 purposes of this subsection, an accredited nonpublic school's
6 enrollment count shall include only students who are residents
7 of Iowa. The costs of providing textbooks to accredited
8 nonpublic school pupils as provided in this subsection shall
9 not be included in the computation of district cost under
10 chapter 257, but shall be shown in the budget as an expense
11 from miscellaneous income. Textbook expenditures made in
12 accordance with this subsection shall be kept on file in the
13 school district.

14 3. As used in ~~this paragraph~~ subsection 2, "textbooks"
15 means books and loose-leaf or bound manuals, systems of
16 reusable instructional materials or combinations of books and
17 supplementary instructional materials which convey information
18 to the student or otherwise contribute to the learning
19 process, or electronic textbooks, including but not limited to
20 computer software, applications using computer-assisted
21 instruction, interactive videodisc, and other computer
22 courseware and magnetic media.

23 Sec. 2. Sections 301.29 and 301.30, Code 2001, are
24 repealed.

25 EXPLANATION

26 This bill provides that when the general assembly
27 appropriates funds for textbooks for accredited nonpublic
28 school pupils, the department of education must determine the
29 amount available to a school district for the purchase of the
30 textbooks based upon the proportion that the basic enrollment
31 of a participating accredited nonpublic school bears to the
32 sum of the basic enrollments of all participating accredited
33 nonpublic schools in the state for the budget year.

34 The bill directs accredited nonpublic schools to submit a
35 written request on behalf of the school's students and to

1 certify their enrollments to the department by October 1
2 annually.

3 The bill directs the department to notify by October 15
4 annually each school district of the amount available for use
5 to purchase nonsectarian, nonreligious textbooks for the
6 participating accredited nonpublic schools.

7 The bill directs school districts to keep on file textbook
8 expenditures made for accredited nonpublic schools.

9 The bill repeals a provision that establishes a procedure
10 by which the department pays claims submitted by school
11 districts for the costs of providing textbook services. The
12 provision provides for the proration of the amounts paid to
13 school districts if the general assembly does not provide
14 sufficient funds.

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