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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act providing supplementary weighting for shared school  
2 district operational functions, making an appropriation, and  
3 providing effective and applicability dates.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 257.11, Code 2005, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 5A. SHARED OPERATIONAL FUNCTIONS --  
4 INCREASED STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES.

5 a. In order to provide additional funding to increase  
6 student opportunities for school districts that share  
7 operational functions, a supplementary weighting plan for  
8 determining enrollment is adopted. A supplementary weighting  
9 of two hundredths per pupil shall be assigned to pupils  
10 enrolled in a district that shares with one or more other  
11 districts one or more operational functions in the areas of  
12 business management, human resources, transportation, or  
13 operation and maintenance for at least twenty percent of the  
14 school year.

15 b. The minimum amount of additional weighting for which a  
16 school district shall be eligible is an amount corresponding  
17 to ten additional pupils, and the maximum amount of additional  
18 weighting for which a school district shall be eligible is an  
19 amount corresponding to twenty additional pupils. Criteria  
20 for determining qualification of operational functions for  
21 additional weighting shall be determined by the department of  
22 education by rule.

23 c. Amounts received as supplementary weighting for sharing  
24 operational functions pursuant to paragraph "a" and for any  
25 savings realized through the sharing of such functions shall  
26 be utilized by a school district to improve teacher salaries,  
27 and offer additional courses to maximize the access of every  
28 high school student to four years of mathematics, science, and  
29 English or language arts, with the intent that additional  
30 course offerings will include advanced content and advanced  
31 placement opportunities.

32 Sec. 2. SHARED OPERATIONAL FUNCTIONS -- SUPPLEMENTARY  
33 WEIGHTING -- APPROPRIATION. For the fiscal year beginning  
34 July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2006, there is appropriated  
35 from the general fund of the state to the department of

1 education the following amount, or so much thereof as may be  
2 necessary, to be utilized for the purpose designated:

3 ..... \$ 6,100,000

4 The funds appropriated pursuant to this section shall be  
5 allocated on or about November 15, 2005, to school districts  
6 that have established shared operational functions pursuant to  
7 section 257.11, subsection 5A. If the amount appropriated is  
8 insufficient to fully fund the amount of supplementary  
9 weighting requested and approved, the funds shall be allocated  
10 to each requesting and approved school district based on the  
11 ratio that each district's actual enrollment bears to the  
12 total actual enrollment of all requesting and approved school  
13 districts. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated  
14 in this section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the  
15 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain  
16 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until  
17 the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

18 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of  
19 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment, and first  
20 applies to supplementary weighting for the school year  
21 beginning July 1, 2005.

22 EXPLANATION

23 This bill provides for the establishment of a new category  
24 of supplementary weighting relating to shared school  
25 operational functions.

26 The bill provides that supplementary weighting shall be  
27 available to increase student opportunities for school  
28 districts that share operational functions. The bill provides  
29 that a supplementary weighting of .02 per pupil shall be  
30 assigned to pupils enrolled in a district that shares one or  
31 more operational functions in the areas of business  
32 management, human resources, transportation, or operation and  
33 maintenance for a minimum of 20 percent of the school year.  
34 The bill provides that the amounts received either as  
35 supplementary weighting or any savings realized through the

1 sharing of operational functions shall be utilized by a school  
2 district to improve teacher salaries, and offer additional  
3 courses to maximize the access of every high school student to  
4 four years of mathematics, science, and English or language  
5 arts, with the intent that additional course offerings will  
6 include advanced content and advanced placement opportunities.  
7 The bill provides that the minimum amount of additional  
8 weighting for which a school district shall be eligible is an  
9 amount corresponding to 10 additional pupils, and the maximum  
10 is an amount corresponding to 20 additional pupils. The bill  
11 provides that criteria for determining qualification of  
12 operational functions for additional weighting shall be  
13 determined by the department of education by rule.

14 The bill appropriates \$1.6 million from the state general  
15 fund to the department of education to be allocated on or  
16 about November 15, 2005, to school districts which have  
17 established shared operational functions, provides for  
18 nonreversion of the funds, and provides for allocation among  
19 all requesting and approved school districts if the amount  
20 appropriated is insufficient to fully fund the amounts  
21 requested and approved based on the ratio that each requesting  
22 and approved school district's actual enrollment bears to the  
23 total actual enrollment of all requesting and approved school  
24 districts.

25 The bill takes effect upon enactment and first applies to  
26 supplementary weighting for the school year beginning July 1,  
27 2005.

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