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April 24, 2013

The Honorable Matt Schultz
Secretary of State of Iowa
State Capitol Building
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

House File 472, an Act relating to school district funding by establishing a supplementary weighting program for shared operational functions of school districts and area education agencies.

The above House File is hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Terry E. Branstad".

Terry E. Branstad
Governor

cc: Secretary of the Senate
Clerk of the House



House File 472

AN ACT

RELATING TO SCHOOL DISTRICT FUNDING BY ESTABLISHING A
SUPPLEMENTARY WEIGHTING PROGRAM FOR SHARED OPERATIONAL
FUNCTIONS OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND AREA EDUCATION AGENCIES.

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

Section 1. Section 257.11, Code 2013, is amended by adding
the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 6A. *Shared operational functions —
increased student opportunities — budget years beginning in 2014
through 2019.*

a. (1) In order to provide additional funding to increase
student opportunities and redirect more resources to student
programming for school districts that share operational
functions, a supplementary weighting of two hundredths per
pupil shall be assigned to pupils enrolled in a district that
shares with a political subdivision one or more operational
functions of a curriculum director, school administration
manager, mental health therapist, school nurse, school
counselor, or school librarian, or one or more operational
functions in the areas of superintendent management, business
management, human resources, transportation, or operation and
maintenance for at least twenty percent of the school year.
The additional weighting shall be assigned for each discrete
operational function shared. The operational function sharing
arrangement does not need to be a newly implemented sharing
arrangement to receive supplementary weighting under this
subsection. However, to receive supplementary weighting under
this subsection for an ongoing operational function sharing
arrangement that began before July 1, 2014, the district
shall submit information to the department documenting the

cost savings directly attributable to the shared operational functions and describe the district's consideration of additional shared operational functions.

(2) For the purposes of this section, "*political subdivision*" means a city, township, county, school corporation, merged area, area education agency, institution governed by the state board of regents, or any other governmental subdivision.

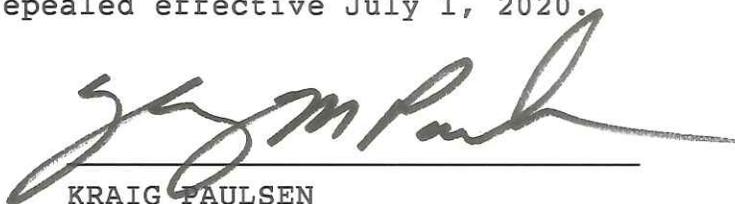
b. School districts that share operational functions with other school districts are not required to be contiguous school districts. If two or more districts sharing operational functions are not contiguous to each other, the districts separating those districts are not required to be a party to the operational functions sharing arrangement.

c. Supplementary weighting pursuant to this subsection shall be available to a school district for a maximum of five years during the period commencing with the budget year beginning July 1, 2014, through the budget year beginning July 1, 2019. The minimum amount of additional weighting for which a school district shall be eligible is an amount equivalent to ten additional pupils, and the maximum amount of additional weighting for which a school district shall be eligible is an amount equivalent to forty additional pupils. Receipt of supplementary weighting by a school district pursuant to this subsection for more than one year shall be contingent upon the annual submission of information by the district to the department documenting cost savings directly attributable to the shared operational functions. Criteria for determining the number of years for which supplementary weighting shall be received pursuant to this subsection, subject to the five-year maximum, and for determining qualification of operational functions for supplementary weighting shall be determined by the department by rule, through consideration of long-term savings by the school district or increased student opportunities.

d. Supplementary weighting pursuant to this subsection shall be available to an area education agency for a maximum of five years during the period commencing with the budget year beginning July 1, 2014, through the budget year beginning July 1, 2019. The minimum amount of additional funding for which an area education agency shall be eligible is fifty thousand dollars, and the maximum amount of additional funding for which an area education agency shall be eligible is two hundred thousand dollars. The department of management shall

annually set a weighting for each area education agency to generate the approved operational sharing expense using the area education agency's special education cost per pupil amount and foundation level. Receipt of supplementary weighting by an area education agency for more than one year shall be contingent upon the annual submission of information by the district to the department documenting cost savings directly attributable to the shared operational functions. Criteria for determining the number of years for which supplementary weighting shall be received pursuant to this subsection, subject to the five-year maximum, and the amount generated by the supplementary weighting, and for determining qualification of operational functions for supplementary weighting shall be determined by the department by rule, through consideration of long-term savings by the area education agency or increased student opportunities.

e. This subsection is repealed effective July 1, 2020.



KRAIG PAULSEN

Speaker of the House



PAM JOCHUM

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 472, Eighty-fifth General Assembly.



CARMINE BOAL

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved April 24, 2013



TERRY E. BRANSTAD

Governor