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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 157)

(As Amended and Passed by the House March 12, 2025)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to certain amounts of school district funding
2 for programs for at-risk students, secondary students who
3 attend alternative programs or alternative schools, or
4 returning dropouts and dropout prevention.
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 257.41, subsection 3, Code 2025, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 3. *Limitation.*

4 a. For Except as provided in paragraph "b", for the fiscal
5 year beginning July 1, 2013, and each succeeding fiscal year,
6 the ratio of the amount of the modified supplemental amount
7 established by the department of management compared to the
8 school district's total regular program district cost shall
9 not exceed two and one-half percent. However, if the school
10 district's highest such ratio so determined for any fiscal year
11 beginning on or after July 1, 2009, but before July 1, 2013,
12 exceeded two and one-half percent, the ratio may exceed two and
13 one-half percent but shall not exceed the highest such ratio
14 established during that period.

15 b. For the fiscal years beginning on or after July 1,
16 2026, the ratio of the amount of the modified supplemental
17 amount established by the department of management compared
18 to the school district's total regular program district cost
19 may exceed the limitation otherwise applicable under paragraph
20 "a", not to exceed five percent, if such limit is approved at
21 an election. If the limit is approved, such ratio shall not
22 increase by more than one-half of one percent per fiscal year.
23 The board may on its own motion, and upon the written request
24 of not less than one hundred eligible electors or thirty
25 percent of the number of eligible electors voting at the last
26 regular school election, whichever is greater, shall, direct
27 the county commissioner of elections to submit the question to
28 the registered voters of the district. The authorization shall
29 be for the period of years authorized at election or until such
30 authorization is rescinded at election. The election shall
31 be held on a date specified in section 39.2, subsection 4,
32 paragraph "c".