



## RSAI Legislative Update April 28, 2016

These updates are posted on the RSAI legislative web page at <http://www.rsaia.org/legislative.html>. Work is completed on Educations Appropriations and Standings Appropriations bill gets to conference committee. Legislature hopes to finish up soon, leaving little time for RSAI priorities of State Penny extension, formula and transportation equality, or funding for FY 2018. See details below. Thanks for all you do to advocate for Iowa's children. [margaret.buckton@isfis.net](mailto:margaret.buckton@isfis.net)

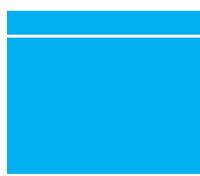
**Education Appropriations:** the Senate concurred with the House Amendment, which means the bill is headed to the governor's desk for signature or veto. RSAI is registered undecided on this bill, but has advocated for many of the provisions in the bill, specifically the first three policy language changes below. Policy language includes:

- Delay of summer school and mandatory 3<sup>rd</sup> grade retention until the summer of 2018.
- Preschool categorical funding flexibility to pay for transportation of PK students (and proration if other students are transported simultaneously).
- Delay of implementation of Smarter Balanced Assessments until the 2017-18 school year. However, RSAI did not support the House's amendment to also require further Administrative Rules Review Committee review in December of 2016. Stay tuned for more information about that provision as soon as the dust settles.

See last week's update for specific details on line-item appropriations. The only change was the House's elimination of an appropriation to \$250,000 to Iowa Learning online for additional content development at earlier grades. The Senate's concurrence means this appropriation is eliminated from the bill.

- Although we explained last week the bill includes level funding of the Student Achievement Teacher Quality line item of \$57.4 million, which funds the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of TLC grants. The bill requires the DE to prorate funds if the appropriation is not sufficient to pay the full amount of per pupil supplements for TLC. We received several questions on the TC proration, so here's additional detail:
  - HF 215 in the 2013 session set up the process for districts representing 1/3 of enrollment to begin participation in each of the next three years.
  - \$50 million was appropriated for each of the three years for grants
    - First districts applied to begin in 2014-15 at \$308.82 per pupil
    - Second round of district applied to begin 2015-16 \$312.68
    - Last round of districts will begin 2016-17 at an estimated \$311.79 per pupil
- In a district's second and subsequent years, funds come from the TLC supplement per pupil in the formula, to which the SSA growth factor has been applied. For those districts in their second or third year of TLC, the FY 2017 A&L shows \$319.72 per pupil, since SSA percentage has been applied to the beginning \$308.82.
- The chart from LSA shows the differences in the grand amount per pupil, but shows a return to equity beginning in FY 2018, when all districts will be funded via the formula.
- Also worthy of note, there are nearly 3,000 more students with districts coming on board in the 2016-17 school year than last year. The \$50,000,000 appropriation had to cover a larger group.

		Per Pupil Cost School Aid Formula	Grant Amount - First year in Program	Difference
FY 2015	Year 1	N/A	\$ 308.82	N/A
FY 2016	Year 2	\$ 312.68	\$ 312.68	0
FY 2017	Year 3	\$ 319.72	\$ 311.79	\$ -7.93
FY 2018	Year 4	\$ 319.72	N/A	N/A
Note:				
FY 2018 per pupil amount in the School Aid Formula is based on 0%. The per pupil amount will increase if a percent of growth is enacted.				
In FY 2016 was the first year for School Aid Formula funding.				
In FY 2018 all districts will be funded through the school aid formula.				
After the first year of being funded by grants, the district receives funding through the school aid formula in the second year and beyond.				



- **Standings Appropriations Bill [HF 2459](#):** this bill has been sent to conference committee, for the House and Senate to work out their differences. The conference committee met this morning and elected Sen. Dvorsky and Rep. Grassley as co-chairs. RSAI is registered opposed to the bill. Those items impacting education include:
  - House cuts the AEAs, increasing the cut from \$15 million to \$20 million. Senate sets that cut at \$18.8 million.
  - House version mandates AEAs with media and education services fund balances in excess of 5% to transfer funds to special education to make up for the \$5 million cut. Senate version takes that out.
  - House version allows flexibility for PD funds to be spent on curriculum or textbooks if PD is included in the curriculum/textbook purchase. This item is not included in the Senate version.
  - District cost per pupil loan pilot project – Davenport only, allows a district in a certain county based on enrollment (Scott County) at the minimum cost per pupil to use case reserve funds to make up the difference, but requires that loan to be repaid over the next several years from the district's general fund dollars.

**Senate Action this week:**

- **[HF 2421](#) Coach training and medical provider at athletic events:** This bill, as amended and passed by the Senate, requires a licensed health care provider or emergency medical care provider to be present and available to assess athletic injuries at high school contests for collision sports. The bill also requires that an applicant for a coaching authorization issued by the BOEE and a person employed by a school district as a coach must successfully complete CPR and automated external defibrillator training. The LSA fiscal note [Fiscal Note](#) estimates no fiscal impact to the State General Fund, but the statewide total cost to local school districts in Iowa is estimated to range between \$124,000 and \$463,000 per year in FY 2017 and FY 2018 (assumes a 15% of wage reimbursement for transportation expenses, which may be a low estimate specifically for rural districts.) RSAI was registered opposed to the prior Senate bill which was an unfunded mandate for licensed health care provider at collision athletic events and will change our registration on this bill to opposed with the addition of the Senate amendment.

**Save the Date:** RSAI Reception, FFA Enrichment Center, Ankeny, Wednesday, 6-8 p.m., June 15<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome. ISFIS Annual Conference, same place, Thursday June 16.

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