



**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
REPORT SUMMARY**

**Education Budget  
HF 658**

Status of Bill: On House Floor  
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The Senate Education Budget bill appropriated \$1.026 billion in FY 2016, a \$39.8 million increase compared to FY 2015, \$48.4 million above the House level. The House Education Budget bill appropriated \$977.6 million in FY 16, an \$8.6 Million cut compared to FY 2015, \$48.4 million below the Senate level. The final version provides \$992.2 million for FY 2016 or a \$6.1 million increase compared to FY 2015.

Education Budget	Estimated FY 2015	Senate FY 2016	House FY 2016	House vs Senate	Final HF 658	Final HF 658 vs Est. FY 2015
Dept. for the Blind	2,350,358	2,350,358	2,350,358	0	0	0
College Student Aid	65,786,278	68,068,065	63,795,101	-4,272,964	64,776,888	-1,009,390
Education	334,761,418	355,660,949	328,979,667	-26,681,751	335,368,418	607,000
Board of Regents	583,238,311	599,880,933	582,452,918	-17,428,015	589,740,701	6,502,390
<b>Total Education</b>	<b>986,136,365</b>	<b>1,025,960,305</b>	<b>977,578,044</b>	<b>-48,382,261</b>	<b>992,236,365</b>	<b>6,100,000</b>

**Funding Differences and Resolutions:**

**College Aid Commission**

- **College Aid Amin.** Both the Senate and House increased to College Aid Commission Admin. for FY 2016 due to rent and increase administration costs for the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP). The Senate level was \$6,787 above the House. The final version provides \$432,000 for FY 2016, or a \$281,000 increase compared to FY 2015, matching the Senate level.
- **Iowa Grants/All Opt.** The House eliminates the Iowa Grants program and increased funding to the All Opportunity Scholarship. That matches the final version, but a smaller increase is provided.
- **Teach Iowa Scholars** The House cut the program \$800,000 below the Senate and compared to FY 2015. The final version provides \$400,000 for FY 2016 and cut it by \$900,000 compared to FY 2015.
- **IA. Tuition Grants** There was a \$3 million difference between the House and Senate Non-Profit Iowa Tuition Grant and a \$275,000 difference for the For-Profit Iowa Tuition Grant. The final version provides status quo funding for both programs in FY 2016.

	Estimated FY 2015	Senate FY 2016	House FY 2016	House vs Senate	Final HF 658	Final HF 658 vs Est. FY 2015
<b>College Aid Commission</b>	250,109	431,896	425,109	-6,787	431,896	181,787
Iowa Grants	791,177	791,177	0	-791,177	0	-791,177
All Iowa Opportunity Scholarships	2,240,854	2,240,854	2,840,854	600,000	2,740,854	500,000
Teach Iowa Scholars	1,300,000	1,300,000	500,000	-800,000	400,000	-900,000
Tuition Grant Program - Standing	48,413,448	50,413,448	47,413,448	-3,000,000	48,413,448	0
Tuition Grant - For-Profit	1,975,000	2,075,000	1,800,000	-275,000	1,975,000	0
<b>Total College Aid Commission</b>	<b>65,786,278</b>	<b>68,068,065</b>	<b>63,795,101</b>	<b>-4,272,964</b>	<b>64,776,888</b>	<b>-1,009,390</b>

**Department of Education**

- **Education Administration** The Senate had an overall increase of \$100,000 to Education Admin. after breaking out funding for a separate line item to the Early Warning System of \$2 million. The House cut admin. by \$2.6 million. The final version provides \$6.3 million for FY 2016 for admin. This is a \$2 million cut compared to FY 2015. The final version does fund the Early Warning System separately at \$2 million. However, DE is allowed to charge a fee to schools for the program (See statue language on Early Warning System).
- The Senate cut Student Achievement Teacher Quality by \$1.2 million, while the House's cut was \$2.3 million. The final version provides \$57.4 million for FY 2016 which is an increase of \$600,000 compared to FY 2015. In addition to the \$600,000, there is \$74,000 moved from Teacher Leadership Technical Assistance to Teacher Leadership Grants and Aid so would not have to be pro-rated to get to the \$312/per pupil amount needed.

**Student Achievement Teacher Quality**

	Estimated FY 2015	Senate FY 2016	House FY 2016	House vs Senate	Final HF 658	Final HF 658 vs Est. FY 2015
Nat. Board Certification Awards	761,250	761,250	761,250	0	761,250	0
Ambassador to Education	85,000	85,000	85,000	0	85,000	0
Mentoring and Induction	4,021,875	3,220,000	1,673,100	-1,546,900	4,021,875	0
Career Dev./Evaluator Training	786,816	786,816	786,816	0	786,816	0
Teacher Dev. Academies	1,136,410	1,136,410	1,136,410	0	1,136,410	0
Teacher Leadership Grants and Aid	49,300,000	49,300,000	49,300,000	0	49,973,809	673,809
Teacher Leadership Technical Ast.	700,000	350,000	700,000	350,000	626,191	-73,809
<b>TOTAL Student Achievement Teacher Quality</b>	<b>56,791,351</b>	<b>55,639,476</b>	<b>54,442,576</b>	<b>-1,196,900</b>	<b>57,391,351</b>	<b>600,000</b>

- **Community College's General Aid** The Senate appropriated a 4% (\$8.1 million) increase compared to FY 2015. The House provided status quo funding. The final version also provides status quo funding of \$201.275 million for FY 2016. However, the one-time spending bill will provide Community Colleges with \$2.5 million in additional funding for FY 2016.
- **Attendance Center Website and Data Systems** The House cut funding in half while the Senate provided status quo funding. The final version does cut the funding in half at \$250,000 for FY 2016.
- **Administrator Mentoring** The House cut funding by \$250,000. The Senate provided status quo funding. The final version provides status quo funding for FY 2016 at \$1 million.
- **Taskforce/Commission Support** The Senate cut funding in half to \$25,000 compared to FY 2015. The House eliminated all the \$50,000. The final version cuts the funding in half at \$25,000 for FY 2016.
- **AEA Distribution** The House eliminated funding of \$1 million for AEA distribution to public schools for the Iowa Core. The Senate provided status quo funding. The final version continues this \$1 million distribution for FY 2016.
- **Successful Progression of Early Reader** The Senate increased the program by \$1.5 million, while the House did status quo funding. The final version provides \$8 million in status quo funding for FY 2016.
- **High Need Schools** The Senate fully funded an appropriation at \$10 million. The House did not fund the program. The final version continues to not fund High Need Schools from the Ed Reform bill.
- **Iowa Academic Standards** The Senate provided a new line item of \$1.5 million, while the House did not. The final version did not provide any funding for this in FY 2016.
- **State Four Year K-12 Career Planning** The Senate funded within the Department of Education (formally "I Have a Plan" within College Aid) at \$600,000 for FY 2016, while House did not fund the program. The final version does not fund the program with general fund dollars, but provides one-time funding from the Board of Education Examiner fees of \$600,000.
- **Iowa Learning On-Line (ILO)** The House cut \$1 million, while the Senate did not cut ILO. The final version provides status quo funding of \$1,500,000 for FY 2016.
- **On-Line Job Posting** The House eliminated \$250,000 in funding, while the Senate kept funding at status quo. The final version provides status quo funding at \$250,000 for FY 2016.

- **Iowa Public Television (IPTV)** The Senate funded a \$282,000 increase to IPTV that went towards the increase in dues from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. The House did not fund this increase. The final version does fund the increase at a total funding level of \$8.074 million for FY 2016.

Department of Education	Estimated FY 2015	Senate FY 2016	House FY 2016	House vs Senate	Final HF 658	Final HF 658 vs Est. FY 2015
Administration	8,304,047	6,404,407	5,671,071	-732,976	6,304,047	-2,000,000
Student Achievement/Teacher Quality	56,791,351	55,639,476	54,442,576	-1,196,900	57,391,351	600,000
Attendance Center Data Systems	500,000	500,000	250,000	-250,000	250,000	-250,000
Administrator Mentoring	1,000,000	1,000,000	750,000	-250,000	1,000,000	0
Taskforce, Commission, Council Support	50,000	25,000	0	-25,000	25,000	-25,000
Area Education Agency Distribution	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	-1,000,000	1,000,000	0
Successful Progression of Early Readers	8,000,000	9,500,000	8,000,000	-1,500,000	8,000,000	0
Early Warning System (Early Literacy)	0	2,000,000	0	-2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
High Need Schools	0	10,000,000	0	-10,000,000	0	0
Iowa Academic Standards	0	1,500,000	0	-1,500,000	0	0
K-12 Career Planning System	0	600,000	0	-600,000	0	0
Community Colleges General Aid	201,274,647	209,369,053	201,274,647	-8,094,406	201,274,647	0
Iowa Learning On-Line	1,500,000	1,500,000	500,000	-1,000,000	1,500,000	0
Online State Job Posting System	250,000	250,000	0	-250,000	250,000	0
Iowa Public Television	7,791,846	8,073,846	7,791,846	-282,000	8,073,846	282,000
<b>Total Education, Dept. of</b>	<b>334,761,418</b>	<b>355,660,949</b>	<b>328,979,667</b>	<b>-26,681,751</b>	<b>335,368,418</b>	<b>607,000</b>

## Regents

- **Regent Board Office** The House cut the office by \$ 64,000 for FY 2016, and the Senate provided status quo funding. The final version provides status quo funding of \$1.094 million.
- **University of Iowa (U of I)** The Senate provided a \$4 million increase in general aid compared to FY 2015, while the House decreased funding by \$3.4 million. The final version provides \$231 million for FY 2016 or status quo funding. In the one-time spending bill, the U of I received an additional \$2.9 million. All line items under the Senate also received status quo funding, but the House cut the Oakdale campus by \$187,000 and the flood center by \$500,000. The final version continues status quo funding to all line items to the University of Iowa.
- **Iowa State (ISU)** The Senate level provided an increase of \$5.9 million to the ISU general line item compared to FY 2015, while the House cut ISU by \$620,000. The final version provides \$182.2 million for ISU's general line item, or a \$1.236 million increase compared to FY 2015. In addition, in the one-time spending bill, ISU will received an additional \$2.3 million.
- **University of Northern Iowa (UNI)** The Senate level provided a \$7 million increase in general aid compared for FY 2015 while the House decreased funding by \$4 million. The final version provides \$94.3 million for FY 2016 to UNI's general line item, or a \$5.1 million increase compared to FY 2015. In addition, the one-time spending bill will provide UNI with an additional \$1.1 million. The Math and Science Collaborative (STEM) received a \$35,000 cut under the House version, but this funding is restored to status quo of \$5,200,000 for FY 2016.
- **School for the Deaf** under the Senate proposal received a \$254,000 increase compared to FY 2015, and the House provided status quo funding. The final version provides \$9.5 million for FY 2016, or an \$117,000 increase compared to FY 2015.
- **Braille and Sight Seeing School** was provided an increase of \$107,000 compared to FY 2015 under the Senate level, and the House provided status quo funding. The final version provides \$3.96 million for FY 2016, or a \$49,000 increase compared to FY 2015.

<b>Board of Regents</b>	<b>Estimated FY 2015</b>	<b>Senate FY 2016</b>	<b>House FY 2016</b>	<b>House vs Senate</b>	<b>Final HF 658</b>	<b>Final HF 658 vs Est. FY 2015</b>
Regent Board Office	1,094,714	1,094,714	1,030,609	-64,105	1,094,714	0
University of Iowa - General	230,923,005	234,964,158	217,951,107	-17,013,051	230,923,005	0
UI - Oakdale Campus	2,186,558	2,186,558	2,000,000	-186,558	2,186,558	0
UI - Iowa Flood Center	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,000,000	-500,000	1,500,000	0
Iowa State University - General	180,945,807	186,186,973	187,312,104	1,125,131	182,181,852	1,236,045
University of Northern Iowa - General	89,176,732	96,176,732	95,782,333	-394,399	94,276,732	5,100,000
UNI - Math and Science Collaborative	5,200,000	5,200,000	5,165,270	-34,730	5,200,000	0
Iowa School for the Deaf	9,391,859	9,645,533	9,391,859	-253,674	9,509,257	117,398
Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School	3,915,741	4,022,370	3,915,741	-106,629	3,964,688	48,947
<b>Total Regents, Board of</b>	<b>583,238,311</b>	<b>599,880,933</b>	<b>582,452,918</b>	<b>-17,428,015</b>	<b>589,740,701</b>	<b>6,502,390</b>

**Statute Language, Previously that had Differences, Agreed to in the Final Version:**

**Preschool Criteria** The final version agrees to keep the Senate's preschool criteria language allows National Association for the Education of Young Children [NAEYC] as well as the Iowa Quality Preschool Standards [IQPS]).

**Gap Tuition Assistance** The final version uses some of the Senate's language on the Gap tuition assistance program. To remove double dipping, anyone eligible for funds from the federal Work Force Innovation and Opportunity Act, will be ineligible for GAP assistance unless those funds for the adult, dislocated worker, or youth program have been spent. The provision changes financial aid criteria from the applicant's family income from the current 12 months to 6 months, with priority given to those earning 150% - 250% of poverty level. However, the new language removes the poverty level earnings used by Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to automatically qualify for the program.

**School Board Vacancies** The final version agrees to keep the Senate's language on School board vacancies.

**All Opt. Scholarship Time Period Payments** The final version agrees to keep the House language that spreads out the funding to Regent and private college students for the scholarship program under the College Aid Commission to two years, instead of the current one year. However, language is added to make it permissive, if the student requests it.

**Flight Schools** The final version has language from the House language that exempts student protections for cancelling a course and refunds under regulations promulgated by the federal aviation administration. It however, drops language that would have this exemption apply if the course is provided for recreational purposes only.

**Talented and Gifted (TAG)** Both the Senate and the House had language that required a one full-time FTE under DE for the TAG program. The House carved out language to fund the position with from State School Aid prior to its distribution to schools (Cost: \$125,000 spread out statewide) which was not added in the final version.

**Iowa Tuition Grant Cap** The Senate had increased the Iowa Tuition Grant Cap from \$5,000 to \$5,500 per student. In the final version the cap is raised to \$6,000. The House had eliminated the cap.

**Iowa Grants Program** The program is eliminated under the House version and the final version of the bill.

**Early Warning System** Language is removed to the bill per that prevents DE from charging school districts a fee for the program as per the agreement to fund the Early Warning System separately at \$2 million. DE can only charge schools actual cost/unpaid portion of assessments. Schools may use the Early Literacy \$8 million or the Early Intervention funding to pay for their 1/3 portion of early warning assessment.

### **Statue Language Previously Agreed to in Both House and Senate and in the Final Version:**

**Regent Energy Cost Savings** Continues to allow the board of Regents to finance projects through bonding that will end up with energy cost savings.

**Prescription Drug Costs** Continues requiring DAS to pay the Iowa State School for the Deaf and Iowa State Braille and Sight Saving School expenses related to prescription drug costs.

**ECI** to reduce the amount of Early Childhood language in the bill language is consolidated from the 2014 Acts. The language addresses the budget submission deadline to local boards, technical assistance and annual reporting requirements, and ECI preschool assistance.

**Preschool Admin. Costs** Allows for transportation of preschool children with other children, and administrative costs can cover rent and outreach activities. Of the dollars passed on to preschool providers, the bill changes the amount that can be used for administration costs from 5% to 10%.

**Dropout Prevention Funding Flexibility** Allows for one set of rules so school districts can use the funds from either Supplementary Weighting or Modified Allowable Growth (MAG) for a dropout prevention programs for greater flexibility. It does not affect the current district cap on MAG.

### **Statute Language, Dropped in the Final Version:**

**Supplementary Weighting ELL for Preschool** The Senate language that provided additional weighting for preschool students identified as ELL was dropped in the final version.

**Supplementary Weighting ELL K-12** The Senate language that Provides additional weighting for K-12 students identified as ELL was dropped in the final version.

**Private School Accreditation Sunset** The House's language that eliminated the sunset on private school accreditation standards was dropped in the final version.

**Teacher Mentoring Restriction** House language that prevented a school district from receiving Teacher Mentoring funding if they received a TLC grant was dropped in the final version.

**Student Data Prohibition** House language that prevented the state board or DE from entering into an agreement with the federal government on sharing personal identifiable student data was dropped in the final version.

**Tuition Freeze** The House version contained language that required the Regents to freeze the amounts charged to resident undergraduates. This language was removed in the final version.

**School Funding Study** The final version does not include Senate language requesting the Legislative Council establish a 2015 interim study on school funding inequities, and that it not be limited to transportation costs (such as the Cost Per Pupil funding inequity issue).