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## HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

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Bill: Senate File 424  
Committee: Education  
Bill Manager: Rep. Hanusa  
Date: April 10, 2011  
Staff: Jason Chapman (1-3015)

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### School District-to-Community College Joint Project

This bill assists Grundy Center, Aplington-Parkersburg, GladbrookReinbeck, and Dike-New Hartford and the Hawkeye Community College, who are involved in a joint project to provide community college courses to high school students. Under current law noncontiguous districts are not allowed to enter into a joint project and there is discrepancy about the use of school district funds for this project, including whether those funds can be used outside of the school district. The bill notwithstanding current statute as it relates to those two issues to allow the schools involved to continue with the consortium.

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### Summary of Action

The Senate **PASSED** SF 424 on March 14, 2011, by a vote of 49-0.  
The House **PASSED** SF 424, as amended, on April 12, 2011, by a vote of 95-1.  
The Senate **CONCURRED** with the House amendment on April 18, 2011, by a vote of 49-0.  
The Governor **SIGNED** SF 424 on April 27, 2011.

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### Section by Section Analysis

**Section 1** Creates a district-to-community college pilot program. This is to address a project that has already been started but is having trouble with funding due to some districts being non-adjacent and the building being located outside of district bounds.

The language is written specifically to allow for only those school districts already involved in the project to be a part of it.

Notwithstanding:

- 274.1, giving a school board exclusive jurisdiction over all school matters in their district
- 28E.41, which allows for joint public buildings as long as the school districts are contiguous.  
Not all of those involved in this project are contiguous.

- 298.3, use of PPEL funds to allow for expenditure of those funds outside of the school district.

The bill also requires the participating school districts to hold a public hearing, publish a notice in the newspaper announcing their intent to participate in the project and what funding will be used, and provide a report on the joint project be delivered to the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2014.

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## **Fiscal Analysis**

The fiscal note published March 28 shows minimal, if any, impact to the general fund.

PPEL (Physical Plant and Equipment Levy) has two parts to it. The first part is the regular PPEL rate and it is a maximum rate of \$0.33 per \$1000. The regular rate is board set and approved. The second part is the voter approved portion and has a maximum of \$1.34 per \$1000.

Of the 4 school districts participating, all 4 are at the maximum regular PPEL rate of \$0.33 per \$1000. Three have voter approved PPEL, with one being at the maximum rate of \$1.34 per \$1000. Any changes to the PPEL rate for those districts would require voter approval.

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## **Amendment Analysis**

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