

Enrolled to Enrolled -- A bill for an act relating to education, including by modifying provisions related to summative testing in schools and the educational program provided to students enrolled in kindergarten through grade twelve, and including applicability provisions.

~~House iFile m2670 R- eEnrolled yHouse nFile o2670 lAN dACT sRELATING QTO fEDUCATION, fINCLUDING iBY cMODIFYING ePROVISIONS oRELATED fTO tSUMMATIVE hTESTING eIN GSCHOOLS oAND vTHE eEDUCATIONAL fPROGRAM nPROVIDED eTO fSTUDENTS ChrisENROLLED cIN oKINDERGARTEN uTHROUGH fGRADE nTWELVE, oAND yINCLUDING eAPPLICABILITY fPROVISIONS. -G O V E R N O R L E T G o v e r n o r June02,2026 The Honorable Paul Pate SecretaryofStateofIowa StateCapitol Des Moines,Iowa 50310 DearMr.Secretary, Therebytransmit:-~~

~~The above House File is hereby approved on this date.~~

~~SecretaryoftheSenate Clerk of the House STATE CAPITOL DES MOINES, I O W A 50319~~

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~~Section 1,1. Section 256.7, subsection 21, paragraph b, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:~~

Section 256.7, subsection 21, paragraph b, subparagraph (2), subparagraph divisions (a), (b), (c), and ~~(d)~~, Code 2026, are amended to read as follows:

~~(i) aIn)Thatgrades all students enrolled in school districts ttt gradca three through eleven, be administered an asseoomontassessment in mathematics and English language arts, includingarts, including reading and writing,writing. during the last quarter of the ochool year and all students enrolled in school districts in grades five^ eight, and ten be administered an assessment in science during the last quarter of the ochool year the following assessments during the last quarter of the school year:~~

~~(ii) In grades five, eight, and eleven, an assessment in science.~~ (iii) In grades eight and eleven, an assessment in social studies.

114-95, if ~~applicable.~~applicable .

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Section 256.7, subsection 33, paragraph ~~b~~, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

~~Code 2026, is amended to read as follows;~~

Adopt rules to require school districts to adopt protocols for suicide prevention and postvention and the identification of adverse childhood ~~Experiences~~experiences and ~~strategia~~strategies to mitigate toxic ~~otres~~stress response.

Section 256.9, subsection 49, paragraph ~~b~~, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

~~Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:~~

The task force shall review the national assessment of educational progress standards and assessments used by other states, and shall consider standards identified as best practices in the field of study by the national councils of teachers of English and ~~mathematics, the~~ mathematics, the national council for the social ~~studies, the~~ studies, the national science teachers association, and other recognized experts.

Section 256.9, subsection 64, Code 2026, is amended ~~to or read as follows: s f o l l o w s :~~

Develop and distribute to school districts standards of practice for equity coordinators employed by ~~school~~ school districts.

To provide consistency in training statewide, the director shall also develop and distribute to school districts a training program on free speech under the first amendment ~~to the Constitution of the United States which shall be in effect in the United States which shall be~~ used by school districts to provide training pursuant to section ~~279.75.0~~.

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Section 256.11, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2026, ~~is amended to read as follows: t o r e a d a s f o l l o w s :~~

The rules of the state board shall require that an ~~age-appropriate~~ age-appropriate, multicultural, and gender-fair approach is used by schools and school districts.

The educational program shall be taught from an age-appropriate, ~~multicultural, and~~ multicultural, gender-fair and gender-fair approach.

Global ~~perspectives~~ perspectives shall ~~be~~ incorporated into all levels of the educational program.

Section 256.11, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended ~~to or read as follows: s f o l l o w s :~~

The kindergarten program shall include experiences designed to develop healthy emotional and social habits and growth in the language arts and communication skills, as well as a capacity for the completion of individual tasks, and protect and increase physical well-being with attention given to experiences relating to the development of life skills and, subject to ~~section 270.00, 279.80,~~ age-appropriate ~~appropriate~~ and ~~research-based~~ research-based human growth and development.

provided, however, that section 279.80 shall not apply to a nonpublic ~~school, school,~~

~~(5) Health. Health.~~

The health curriculum shall include ~~the characteristics~~ characteristics of communicable ~~diseases~~ diseases all of the following:

~~(a) The~~ The characteristics of communicable diseases.

~~(b) Physical~~ Physical fitness.

~~(c) Nutrition. Nutrition.~~

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~~(5) Health. Health.~~

The health curriculum shall include age-appropriate and ~~research-based~~ research-based information regarding the ~~characteristics~~ characteristics of sexually transmitted diseases all of the following:

~~(a) Age-appropriate~~ Age-appropriate and research-based information regarding the characteristics of sexually transmitted ~~diseases~~ diseases.

~~(b) Physical~~ Physical fitness.

~~(c) Nutrition. Nutrition.~~

Section 256.11, subsection 5, paragraphs e and ~~j~~ j, Code 2026, are amended to read as follows:

~~Code 2026, are amended to read as follows:~~

(1) Agriculture, which may be offered and taught through dedicated units of coursework or through units of coursework that also meet the requirements of the coursework required under paragraph "h", subparagraph (1), subparagraph division ~~(a).~~

(2) Applied sciences, technology, engineering, or manufacturing, including transportation, distribution, logistics, architecture, and construction, which may be offered and taught through dedicated units of coursework or through units of coursework that also meet the requirements of the coursework required under paragraph "h", subparagraph (1), subparagraph division (c).

~~j. (1) One unit of health education which (a) The one unit of health education shall include instruction related to all of the following:~~

~~(1) One~~ Physical unit fitness of health education which.

(a) The one unit of health education shall include instruction related to all of the following:

(i) Physical fitness.

(b) The one unit of health education may include personal ~~health; food health; and nutrition;~~
~~environmental instruction related to all of the following;~~

food and nutrition;

environmental instruction related to all of the following:

~~safety~~safety. ~~(ii) Safety and survival skills; consumer~~House File 2670, p.

~~6(ii) (ill) Safety Consumer and health; family survival (iv) skills; Family life;~~

~~age consumer appropriate (v) Age-appropriate and research-based human growth and development that incorporates the standards established under section 279.50, subsection 3, paragraph 3, substancej (vi) Substance use disorder and nonuse;~~

~~emotional~~House and File 2670, health; p.

~~hGalthj_6 (vii)(iii) Health Consumer resources; health;~~

~~cardiopulmonary family. (viii) Cardiopulmonary resuscitation;~~

~~and (iv) prevention family (ix) life; Prevention and control of disease, including age-appropriate and research-based information regarding sexually transmitted diseases.~~

~~(2) age-appropriate. The state boardj as part of accreditation standards shall adopt curriculum standards for implementing the program in grades nine through twelve.~~

(v) Age-appropriate and research-based human growth and development that incorporates the standards established under section 279.50, subsection 3, paragraph "b";

substance .

(vi) Substance use disorder and nonuse;

emotional and social health;

health .

(vii) Health resources;

cardiopulmonary.

(viii) Cardiopulmonary resuscitation;

and prevention.

(ix) Prevention and control of disease, including age-appropriate and research-based information regarding sexually transmitted diseases.

(2) The state board, as part of accreditation standards, shall adopt curriculum standards for implementing the program in grades nine through twelve.

Section 256.11, subsection 9A, Code 2026, is ~~amended mto e read nas dt follows: or e aa s f o l l o w s :~~

The program shall be designed to ensure that the guidance counselor can work works collaboratively with parents or guardians, students, teachers, support staff, and administrators to support the curricular goals of the school by offering responsive services that address the growth and development needs of students and the attainment of student competencies in academic, career, and ~~s social e areas. c i a l a r e a s .~~

Section 256.11, subsection 10, paragraph c, subparagraph (2), unnumbered paragraph ~~11, ,~~ Code 2026, is amended ~~tto e read read as s follows: f o l l o w s :~~

7 Elementary and Secondary Education Act of ~~1955, 1965,~~ the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C.

~~S1400~~Sec.1400 et seq., as amended, the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964, chapter 216, section 279.73, or section 279.74, the director shall recommend, and the state board ~~may may~~ shall do, one of the following within thirty days of the finding of noncompliance:

Section 256.37, subsection 3, Code 2026, is amended ~~tto e read e as a follows: s f o l l o w s :~~

Students graduating from ~~Iowa's~~Iowa's education system must demonstrate competency in challenging subject matter, and must have learned to use their minds well, so they may be prepared for responsible citizenship, further learning, and productive employment in a global ~~Iowa's~~Iowa's economy.

Section 256E.7, subsection 2, paragraph ~~h, h,~~ Code 2026, is amended by adding the following new subparagraphs:

~~Code~~NEW 2026, SUBPARAGRAPH is_ amended by adding the following new subparagraphs:

~~NEW SUBPARAGRAPH, (02) The educational standards of section 256.11, subsection 2, related to the kindergarten p program. r o g r a m .~~

NEW SUBPARAGRAPH .

(002) The educational standards of section 256.11, subsection 3, paragraph "a", subparagraph (5), related to the health curriculum.

~~(002)(0002) The educational standards of section 256.11, subsection 3, 4, paragraph "a", "a", subparagraph (5), related tto e the t health h health curriculum. c u r r i c u l u m .~~

NEW SUBPARAGRAPH .

~~(0002) The educational standards of section 256.11, subsection 4, paragraph subparagraph (5), related to the health curriculum.~~

~~(3) The)The educational standards established in section 256.11, subsection 5, paragraph "e", related to the use of instruction related to agriculture or applied sciences, technology, engineering, or manufacturing to fulfill a portion of the unit requirements related to mathematics.~~

~~Section 256E.7, subsection 2, paragraph r, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:~~

~~Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:~~

~~Be subject to and comply with the requirements of section 279.81 relating to prohibiting students from serving on any committees that determine, or provide recommendations related to, whether a material in a school library should be removed in the same manner as a school district.~~

~~8 t, -Code 2026, are amended to read as follows:~~

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~~Be subject to and comply with the requirements of section 279.81 relating to prohibiting students from serving on any committees that determine, or provide recommendations related to, whether a material in a school library should be removed in the same manner as a school district.~~

~~Be subject to and comply with the requirements of section 256.11, subsection 5, paragraph "e", relating to the use of instruction related to agriculture or applied sciences, technology, engineering, or manufacturing to fulfill a portion of the unit requirements related to mathematics in the same manner as a school district.~~

~~t2t. Be subject to and comply with the requirements of section 256.11 relating to the human growth and development curriculum for grades five through eight, and the health curriculum for grades nine through twelve, in the same manner as a school district.~~

~~Be subject to and comply with the requirements of section 256.11 relating to the human growth and development curriculum for grades five through eight, and the health curriculum for grades nine through twelve, in the same manner as a school district.~~

~~NEW PARAGRAPH. PARAGRAPH .~~

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~~00q, 00q. Be subject to and comply with the requirements of section 256.11, subsection 3, paragraph subparagraph (5), relating to the health curriculum in the same manner as a school district.~~

~~NEW Be PARAGRAPH. subject to and comply with the requirements of section 256.11, subsection 3, paragraph "a", subparagraph (5), relating to the health curriculum in the same manner as a school district.~~

~~000q. NEW PARAGRAPH .~~

~~Be 000q. subject to and comply with the requirements of section 256.11, subsection 4, paragraph subparagraph (5), relating to the health curriculum in the same manner as a school district.~~

~~Be 0 subject to and comply with the requirements of section 256.11, subsection 4, paragraph "a", subparagraph (5), relating to the health curriculum in the same manner as a school district.~~

~~S T A M A N D F U N D I S P E C I F I c c o r d a n c e with section 25B.2, subsection 3, the state cost of requiring compliance with any state mandate included in this Act shall be paid by a school district from state school foundation aid received by the school district under section 257.16.~~

~~This specification of the payment of the state cost shall be deemed to meet all of the state funding-related requirements of section 25B.2, subsection 3, and no additional state funding shall be necessary for the full implementation of this Act House File 2670, p.~~

~~9 by and enforcement of this Act against all affected school districts.~~

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~~STATE MANDATE FUNDING SPECIFIED.~~

~~In accordance with section 25B.2, subsection 3, the state cost of requiring compliance with any state mandate included in this Act shall be paid by a school district from state school foundation aid received by the school district under section 257.16.~~

~~This specification of the payment of the state cost shall be deemed to meet all of the state funding-related requirements of section 25B.2, subsection 3, and no additional state funding shall be necessary for the full implementation of this Act House File 2670, p.~~

~~9 by and enforcement of this Act against all affected school districts.~~

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~~APPLICABILITY, APPLICABILITY. The following applies to school years beginning on or after July 1, 2027:~~

~~The portion following of applies the section of this Act amending section 256.7, subsection 21, paragraph "a", subparagraph (2), that relates to the school administration years of beginning assessments on or after July 1, 2027: T G R A S S I A Y AMY SINCLAIR Speaker/Of the House P r e s i d e n t~~

~~S-o-n-a-t-o~~ I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 2670, Ninety-first General Assembly.

~~nk~~The ~~l~~portion ~~i~~of ~~o~~the ~~\~~section ~~M~~of ~~E~~this ~~G~~Act ~~H~~amending ~~N~~section ~~E~~256.7, ~~L~~subsection ~~S~~21, ~~O~~paragraph ~~N~~"b", ~~C~~hief ~~S~~ubparagraph ~~J~~f ~~c~~lerk(2), ~~f~~il~~A~~h~~e~~that ~~H~~ouse ~~r~~elates ~~A~~pproved ~~t~~o ~~r~~the ~~2~~administration ~~o~~f ~~2~~assessments ~~i~~n ~~K~~IM ~~s~~ocial ~~I~~lg ~~Y~~NOLDS ~~s~~tudies. ~~-r G-o-v-e-r-n-o-r~~

PAT GRASSLEY AMY SINCLAIR Speaker of the House President of the Senate I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 2670, Ninety-first General Assembly.

MEGHAN NELSON Chief Clerk of the House Approved _____, 2026

KIM REYNOLDS Governor