

SENATE/HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF  
EDUCATION BILL)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the state board of education's duties in  
2 connection with the core curriculum.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256.7, subsection 26, paragraph a,  
2 unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2024, is amended to read as  
3 follows:

4 ~~Adopt rules that establish~~ a core curriculum and adopt rules  
5 that establish high school graduation requirements for all  
6 students in school districts and accredited nonpublic schools  
7 that include at a minimum satisfactory completion of four years  
8 of English and language arts, three years of mathematics, three  
9 years of science, and three years of social studies.

10 Sec. 2. Section 256.7, subsection 26, paragraph a,  
11 subparagraph (3), Code 2024, is amended to read as follows:

12 (3) ~~The rules establishing~~ a core curriculum shall address  
13 the core content standards in subsection 28 and the skills and  
14 knowledge students need to be successful in the twenty-first  
15 century. The core curriculum shall include social studies  
16 and twenty-first century learning skills which include but  
17 are not limited to civic literacy, health literacy, financial  
18 literacy, family life and consumer sciences, and employability  
19 skills; and shall address the curricular needs of students in  
20 kindergarten through grade twelve in those areas. The state  
21 board shall further define the twenty-first century learning  
22 skills components ~~by rule~~.

23 Sec. 3. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION — RULES ESTABLISHING A  
24 CORE CURRICULUM. Rules adopted by the state board of education  
25 on or before the effective date of this Act relating to the  
26 core curriculum shall remain effective until modified or  
27 rescinded by action of the state board of education.

28 EXPLANATION

29 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
30 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

31 This bill relates to the state board of education's duties in  
32 connection with the core curriculum.

33 Current law requires the state board to adopt rules that  
34 establish a core curriculum. The bill modifies this provision  
35 to instead require the state board to adopt a core curriculum.

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1 The bill provides that rules adopted by the state board on or  
2 before the effective date of the bill relating to the core  
3 curriculum shall remain effective until modified or rescinded  
4 by action of the state board. The bill makes conforming  
5 changes.