

CHAPTER 123

POSTSECONDARY ENROLLMENT OPTIONS

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AN ACT requiring the acceptance of any student's postsecondary options credits as high school academic or vocational-technical credits by a school district or accredited nonpublic school and providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 261C.4, Code 1991, is amended to read as follows:

261C.4 AUTHORIZATION.

An eligible pupil may make application to an eligible institution to allow the eligible pupil to enroll for academic or vocational-technical credit in a nonsectarian course offered at that eligible institution. A comparable course, as defined in rules made by the board of directors of the public school district, must not be offered by the school district or accredited nonpublic school in which the pupil is enrolled. If an eligible institution accepts an eligible pupil for enrollment under this section, the institution shall send written notice to the pupil, the pupil's school district or accredited nonpublic school, and the department of education. The notice shall list the course, the clock hours the pupil will be attending the course, and the number of hours of postsecondary academic or vocational-technical credit that the eligible pupil will receive from the eligible institution upon successful completion of the course.

Sec. 2. Section 261C.5, Code 1991, is amended to read as follows:

261C.5 HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS.

A school district or accredited nonpublic school may shall grant high school academic or vocational-technical credit to an eligible pupil enrolled in a course under this chapter if the eligible pupil successfully completes the course as determined by the eligible institution. Eligible pupils, who have completed the eleventh grade but who have not yet completed the requirements for graduation, may take up to seven semester hours of credit during the summer months when school is not in session and receive credit for that attendance, if the pupil pays the cost of attendance of those summer credit hours. The board of directors of the school district or authorities in charge of an accredited nonpublic school shall determine the number of high school credits that shall be granted to an eligible pupil who successfully completes a course.

The high school credits granted to an eligible pupil under this section shall count toward the graduation requirements and subject area requirements of the school district of residence or accredited nonpublic school of the eligible pupil. Evidence of successful completion of each course and high school credits and postsecondary academic or vocational-technical credits received shall be included in the pupil's high school transcript.

Sec. 3. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

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