CHAPTER 105

LEGISLATIVE PAGE PROGRAM — ACADEMIC CREDITS AND ACTIVITY EXEMPTIONS $\it S.F.~517$

AN ACT relating to the provision of academic credit, including social studies coursework, and exemptions for physical education and activity requirements for students who participate in the legislative page program at the state capitol.

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

Section 1. Section 256.11, Code 2021, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

<u>NEW SUBSECTION</u>. 18. The board of directors of a school district and the authorities in charge of an accredited nonpublic school shall each establish a policy to award credit toward graduation to a student if the student participates in the legislative page program at the state capitol for a regular session of the general assembly. The student shall be excused from the physical education requirements of subsection 5, paragraph "g", subparagraph (1), and is exempt from the physical activity requirements of subsection 6, paragraph "b", subparagraph (2), while participating in the legislative page program. The student must complete the graduation requirements of section 256.7, subsection 26, paragraph "a", but participation in the legislative page program for a complete regular session of the general assembly shall count as one-half unit of social studies credit required for purposes of section 256.7, subsection 26, paragraph "a".

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