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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
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A BILL FOR

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1 An Act relating to implementation of educational standards
2 adopted by the state board of education, including delaying
3 the effective date and providing for additional study of
4 certain standards.

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

Conference Committee appointed 4/15/88

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9 Senators Murphy (Chair), Horn, Bricks, Taylor, & Carney (p. 1633)
10 Representatives Ollie (Chair), Sweet, Wier, McKee, Miller (p. 1992)

Passed per Conference Committee Report

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12 Senate 4/16/88 (p. 1741) House 4/16/88 (p. 2217)
13 41-0 89-1

SF 2278

1 Section 1. Section 256.17, unnumbered paragraph 2, Code
2 Supplement 1987, is amended to read as follows:

3 Notwithstanding the standards included in section 256.11,
4 not later than July 1, 1987, the state board shall adopt rules
5 establishing new standards for accredited schools. The rules
6 shall be adopted under chapter 17A and shall require that
7 schools and school districts meet the standards adopted by the
8 state board not later than July 1, ~~1989~~ 1990. Standards
9 adopted by the state board specifically relating to the number
10 of instructional days and length of the school day for
11 kindergarten programs take effect July 1, 1993.

12 Sec. 2. The legislative council is requested to establish
13 a study committee composed of members of the house and senate
14 committees on education from both political parties to conduct
15 a comprehensive study of the provision of vocational education
16 courses for secondary school students. The study shall
17 include, but not be limited to, the vocational education
18 requirements contained in the rules adopted by the state board
19 of education pursuant to section 256.17, the courses offered
20 by school districts, the costs of offering the various areas
21 of vocational education courses, enrollment trends, and the
22 feasibility of alternative means of offering vocational
23 education courses, including but not limited to, requiring
24 that secondary school vocational education courses be provided
25 by the area schools in either the high school or area school
26 setting or an alternative setting.

27 The study committee shall submit a report of its
28 recommendations to the legislative council and the general
29 assembly meeting in 1989.

30 Sec. 3. The legislative fiscal bureau shall conduct a
31 survey of school districts to determine the feasibility of
32 requiring that the kindergarten program operate a minimum of
33 one hundred eighty days and meet a minimum school day time
34 requirement of four and one-half hours. The survey shall
35 include an inventory of additional space requirements and the

1 availability of vacant classrooms in school district
2 facilities, additional staff requirements, availability of
3 educational materials, and transportation needs.

4 The legislative fiscal bureau shall report the results of
5 the survey to the chairpersons and ranking members of the
6 senate and house committees on education not later than
7 December 1, 1988.

8 EXPLANATION

9 This bill delays implementation of the educational
10 standards adopted by the state board of education from July 1,
11 1989, to July 1, 1990. Implementation of the standard
12 requiring all day, every day kindergarten is delayed from July
13 1, 1992, to July 1, 1993. The bill also requests that the
14 legislative council establish an interim study committee to
15 study the provision of vocational education courses to high
16 school students and that the legislative fiscal bureau conduct
17 a survey of school districts to determine the availability of
18 facilities, personnel, and materials for all day every day
19 kindergarten.

20 SUCCESSOR TO SSB 2240 (LSB 8379SC)

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STATE OF IOWA

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FISCAL NOTE

LSB No. 8379S

Staff ID AAW

REQ. BY SENATOR MURPHY

SENATE FILE 2278

In compliance with a written request received March 4, 1988, a fiscal note for SENATE FILE 2278 is hereby submitted pursuant to Joint Rule 17. Data used in developing this fiscal note are available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to members of the Legislature upon request.

Senate File 2278 is related to implementation of educational standards adopted by the state board of education, including delaying the effective date and providing for additional study of certain standards.

Section 1 amends Section 256.17, unnumbered paragraph 2, Code Supplement 1987. Implementation of the educational standards adopted by the State Board of Education will be delayed from July 1, 1989, to July 1, 1990. Also, implementation of the standard requiring all day, every day kindergarten is delayed from July 1, 1992, to July 1, 1993. Standards adopted by the state board specifically relating to the number of instructional days and length of the school day for kindergarten programs take effect July 1, 1993.

Section 2 requests the legislative council to establish an interim study committee to study the provision of vocational education courses to high school students.

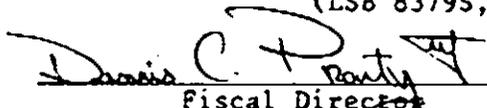
Section 3 requests that the legislative fiscal bureau conduct a survey of school districts to determine the availability of facilities, personnel, and materials for all day every day kindergarten. The results of this survey shall be reported to the chairpersons and ranking members of the senate and house committees on education not later than December 1, 1988.

Fiscal Effect:

The Department of Education estimates the total cost of implementing all new standards to be a range of \$42.2 - \$71.8 million. Delaying implementation of the standards will cause \$23.1 million of cost to be delayed from FY 1990 to FY 1991. Delaying the implementation of the standard requiring all day, every day kindergarten will cause an estimated cost of \$18.8 million to be delayed from FY 93 to FY 94. Delaying the implementation of standards relating to the number of instructional days and length of the school day would delay \$336,000 - \$29.9 million of cost to FY 1994.

Source: Department of Education

(LSB 8379S, AAW)


Fiscal Director
Legislative Fiscal Bureau
Date: 3/10/88

SENATE FILE 2278

H-5955

Amend Senate File 2278, as passed by the Senate, as follows:

1. Page 1, line 8, by striking the figures "1989 1990" and inserting the following: "1989 except that the standard adopted by the state board relating to the foreign language program in grades nine through twelve shall not take effect until July 1, 1990".

2. Title page, line 3, by inserting after the word "date" the following: "of certain standards".

By SWARTZ of Marshall

H-5955 FILED MARCH 28, 1988

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SENATE FILE 2278

H-5956

Amend Senate File 2278, as passed by the Senate, as follows:

1. Page 1, line 8, by striking the figures "1989 1990" and inserting the following: "1989 except that the standard fine arts instruction requirements in grades nine through twelve shall not take effect until July 1, 1990".

2. Title page, line 3, by inserting after the word "date" the following: "of certain standards".

By SWARTZ of Marshall

H-5956 FILED MARCH 28, 1988

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SENATE FILE 2278

H-5957

1 Amend Senate File 2278, as passed by the Senate, as
2 follows:

3 1. Page 1, line 8, by striking the figures "~~1989~~
4 1990" and inserting the following: "1989 except that
5 the standard adopted by the state board relating to
6 physical education requirements in grades nine through
7 twelve shall not take effect until July 1, 1990".

8 2. Title page, line 3, by inserting after the
9 word "date" the following: "of certain standards".

By SWARTZ of Marshall

H-5957 FILED MARCH 28, 1988

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SENATE FILE 2278

H-5958

1 Amend Senate File 2278, as passed by the Senate, as
2 follows:

3 1. Page 1, line 8, by striking the figures "~~1989~~
4 1990" and inserting the following: "1989 except that
5 the standard adopted by the state board relating to
6 health instruction requirements in grades nine through
7 twelve shall not take effect until July 1, 1990".

8 2. Title page, line 3, by inserting after the
9 word "date" the following: "of certain standards".

By SWARTZ of Marshall

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SENATE FILE 2278

H-5959

1 Amend Senate File 2278, as passed by the Senate, as
2 follows:

3 1. Page 1, line 8, by striking the figures "~~1989~~
4 1990" and inserting the following: "1989 except that
5 the standard adopted by the state board relating to
6 science instruction requirements in grades nine
7 through twelve shall not take effect until July 1,
8 1990".

9 2. Title page, line 3, by inserting after the
10 word "date" the following: "of certain standards".

By SWARTZ of Marshall

H-5959 FILED MARCH 28, 1988

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SENATE FILE 2278

H-5960

1 Amend Senate File 2278, as passed by the Senate, as
2 follows:

3 1. Page 1, line 8, by striking the figures "~~1989~~
4 1990" and inserting the following: "1989 except that
5 the standard adopted by the state board relating to
6 mathematics instruction requirements in grades nine
7 through twelve shall not take effect until July 1,
8 1990".

9 2. Title page, line 3, by inserting after the
10 word "date" the following: "of certain standards".

By SWARTZ of Marshall

H-5960 FILED MARCH 28, 1988

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SENATE FILE 2278

5961

Amend Senate File 2278, as passed by the Senate, as follows:

1. Page 1, line 8, by striking the figures "1989 1990" and inserting the following: "1989 except that the standard adopted by the state board relating to social studies instruction requirements in grades nine through twelve shall not take effect until July 1, 1990".

2. Title page, line 3, by inserting after the word "date" the following: "of certain standards".

By SWARTZ of Marshall

H-5961 FILED MARCH 28, 1988

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SENATE FILE 2278

H-5962

Amend Senate File 2278, as passed by the Senate, as follows:

1. Page 1, line 8, by striking the figures "1989 1990" and inserting the following: "1989 except that the standard adopted by the state board relating to English-language arts instruction requirements in grades nine through twelve shall not take effect until July 1, 1990".

2. Title page, line 3, by inserting after the word "date" the following: "of certain standards".

By SWARTZ of Marshall

H-5962 FILED MARCH 28, 1988

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SENATE FILE 2278

H-5963

Amend Senate File 2278, as passed by the Senate, as follows:

1. Page 1, line 8, by striking the figures "1989 1990" and inserting the following: "1989 except that the standard adopted by the state board requiring each board to employ as its executive officer and chief administrator a person who holds a certificate endorsed for service as a superintendent with the prohibitions on the service of superintendents serving as principals shall not take effect until July 1, 1990".

2. Title page, line 3, by inserting after the word "date" the following: "of certain standards".

By SWARTZ of Marshall

H-5963 FILED MARCH 28, 1988

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SENATE FILE 2278

H-5964

1 Amend Senate File 2278, as passed by the Senate, as
2 follows:

3 1. Page 1, line 8, by striking the figures "~~1989~~
4 1990" and inserting the following: "1989 except that
5 the standard adopted by the state board relating to
6 the vocational education program in grades nine
7 through twelve shall not take effect until July 1,
8 1990".

9 2. Title page, line 3, by inserting after the
10 word "date" the following: "of certain standards".
By SWARTZ of Marshall

H-5964 FILED MARCH 28, 1988

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SENATE FILE 2278

H-5965

1 Amend Senate File 2278, as passed by the Senate, as
2 follows:

3 1. Page 1, line 8, by striking the figures "~~1989~~
4 1990" and inserting the following: "1989 except that
5 the standard adopted by the state board relating to
6 the requirement that each board of directors have a
7 program to meet the needs of gifted and talented
8 students shall not take effect until July 1, 1990".

9 2. Title page, line 3, by inserting after the
10 word "date" the following: "of certain standards".
By SWARTZ of Marshall

H-5965 FILED MARCH 28, 1988

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SENATE FILE 2278

H-5966

1 Amend Senate File 2278, as passed by the Senate, as
2 follows:

3 1. Page 1, line 8, by striking the figures "~~1989~~
4 1990" and inserting the following: "1989 except that
5 the standard adopted by the state board relating to
6 the adoption by boards of directors of plans which
7 incorporate global perspectives into all areas and
8 levels of the educational program shall not take
9 effect until July 1, 1990".

10 2. Title page, line 3, by inserting after the
11 word "date" the following: "of certain standards".
By SWARTZ of Marshall

H-5966 FILED MARCH 28, 1988

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SENATE FILE 2278

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Amend Senate File 2278, as passed by the Senate, as follows:

1. Page 1, line 8, by striking the figures "1989 1990" and inserting the following: "1989 except that the standard adopted by the state board relating to the responsibility of boards of directors for ensuring multicultural nonsexist approaches to educational programs shall not take effect until July 1, 1990".
 2. Title page, line 3, by inserting after the word "date" the following: "of certain standards".
- By SWARTZ of Marshall

H-5967 FILED MARCH 28, 1988

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SENATE FILE 2278

H-5968

Amend Senate File 2278, as passed by the Senate, as follows:

1. Page 1, line 8, by striking the figures "1989 1990" and inserting the following: "1989 except that the standard adopted by the state board relating to the requirement that each board of directors establish and operate a media services program to support the total school curriculum shall not take effect until July 1, 1990".
 2. Title page, line 3, by inserting after the word "date" the following: "of certain standards".
- By SWARTZ of Marshall

H-5968 FILED MARCH 28, 1988

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SENATE FILE 2278

H-5969

Amend Senate File 2278, as passed by the Senate, as follows:

1. Page 1, line 8, by striking the figures "1989 1990" and inserting the following: "1989 except that the standard adopted by the state board relating to the requirement that each board of directors sponsor a pupil activity program sufficiently broad and balanced to offer opportunities for all pupils to participate shall not take effect until July 1, 1990".
 2. Title page, line 3, by inserting after the word "date" the following: "of certain standards".
- By SWARTZ of Marshall

H-5969 FILED MARCH 28, 1988

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SENATE FILE 2278

H-5970

1 Amend Senate File 2278, as passed by the Senate, as
2 follows:

3 1. Page 1, line 8, by striking the figures "~~1989~~
4 1990" and inserting the following: "1989 except that
5 the standard adopted by the state board relating to
6 voluntary programs of supervised intramural sports for
7 pupils in grades seven through twelve shall not take
8 effect until July 1, 1990".

9 2. Title page, line 3, by inserting after the
10 word "date" the following: "of certain standards".

By SWARTZ of Marshall

H-5970 FILED MARCH 28, 1988

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SENATE FILE 2278

H-5971

1 Amend Senate File 2278, as passed by the Senate, as
2 follows:

3 1. Page 1, line 8, by striking the figures "~~1989~~
4 1990" and inserting the following: "1989 except that
5 the standard adopted by the state board relating to
6 the provision of a comprehensive career education
7 program in grades kindergarten through twelve shall
8 not take effect until July 1, 1990".

9 2. Title page, line 3, by inserting after the
10 word "date" the following: "of certain standards".

By SWARTZ of Marshall

H-5971 FILED MARCH 28, 1988

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SENATE FILE 2278

H-5972

1 Amend Senate File 2278, as passed by the Senate, as
2 follows:

3 1. Page 1, line 8, by striking the figures "~~1989~~
4 1990" and inserting the following: "1989 except that
5 the standard adopted by the state board relating to
6 the requirement that each board of directors have a
7 program to identify and provide special assistance to
8 at-risk students shall not take effect until July 1,
9 1990".

10 2. Title page, line 3, by inserting after the
11 word "date" the following: "of certain standards".

By SWARTZ of Marshall

H-5972 FILED MARCH 28, 1988

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SENATE FILE 2278

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Amend Senate File 2278, as passed by the Senate, as follows:

1. Page 1, line 8, by striking the figures "~~1989~~ 1990" and inserting the following: "1989 except that the standard adopted by the state board relating to the requirement that each board of directors adopt policies outlining procedures for developing, implementing, and evaluating its total curriculum shall not take effect until July 1, 1990".

2. Title page, line 3, by inserting after the word "date" the following: "of certain standards".

By SWARTZ of Marshall

H-5973 FILED MARCH 28, 1988

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SENATE FILE 2278

H-5974

Amend Senate File 2278, as passed by the Senate, as follows:

1. Page 1, line 8, by striking the figures "~~1989~~ 1990" and inserting the following: "1989 except that the standard adopted by the state board relating to the requirement that each board of directors provide an articulated sequential elementary-secondary guidance program to assist students shall not take effect until July 1, 1990".

2. Title page, line 3, by inserting after the word "date" the following: "of certain standards".

By SWARTZ of Marshall

H-5974 FILED MARCH 28, 1988

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SENATE FILE 2278

H-5975

Amend Senate File 2278, as passed by the Senate, as follows:

1. Page 1, line 8, by striking the figures "~~1989~~ 1990" and inserting the following: "1989 except that the standard adopted by the state board relating to the requirement that each board of directors have a plan for staff development shall not take effect until July 1, 1990".

2. Title page, line 3, by inserting after the word "date" the following: "of certain standards".

By SWARTZ of Marshall

H-5975 FILED MARCH 28, 1988

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SENATE FILE 2278

H-5976

1 Amend Senate File 2278, as passed by the Senate, as
2 follows:

3 1. Page 1, line 8, by striking the figures "~~1989~~
4 1990" and inserting the following: "1989 except that
5 the standard adopted by the state board relating to
6 the requirement that each board of directors adopt a
7 school calendar of a minimum of one hundred eighty
8 days for student instruction and a minimum of twenty
9 days, excluding vacation and holidays, for other
10 educational purposes involving instructional and
11 noninstructional staff shall not take effect until
12 July 1, 1990".

13 2. Title page, line 3, by inserting after the
14 word "date" the following: "of certain standards".
By SWARTZ of Marshall

H-5976 FILED MARCH 28, 1988

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SENATE FILE 2278

H-5977

1 Amend Senate File 2278, as passed by the Senate, as
2 follows:

3 1. Page 1, line 8, by striking the figures "~~1989~~
4 1990" and inserting the following: "1989 except that
5 the standard adopted by the state board relating to
6 the requirement that each board of directors develop
7 and maintain a policy manual which provides a
8 codification of its policy actions and requires a
9 review of the manual every three years shall not take
10 effect until July 1, 1990".

11 2. Title page, line 3, by inserting after the
12 word "date" the following: "of certain standards".
By SWARTZ of Marshall

H-5977 FILED MARCH 28, 1988

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SENATE FILE 2278

H-5979

1 Amend Senate File 2278, as passed by the Senate, as
2 follows:

3 1. Page 1, line 8, by striking the figures "~~1989~~
4 1990" and inserting the following: "1989 except that
5 the standard adopted by the state board relating to
6 the requirement that each board of directors adopt and
7 implement a process for conducting an on-going needs
8 assessment shall not take effect until July 1, 1990".

9 2. Title page, line 3, by inserting after the
10 word "date" the following: "of certain standards".
By SWARTZ of Marshall

H-5979 FILED MARCH 28, 1988

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SENATE FILE 2278

H-5980

Amend Senate File 2278, as passed by the Senate, as follows:

1. Page 1, line 8, by striking the figures "~~1989~~ 1990" and inserting the following: "1989 except that the standard adopted by the state board relating to the requirement that a school day consist of five and one-half hours of instruction time for grades one through twelve shall not take effect until July 1, 1990".
 2. Title page, line 3, by inserting after the word "date" the following: "of certain standards".
- By SWARTZ of Marshall

H-5980 FILED MARCH 28, 1988

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SENATE FILE 2278

H-5981

Amend Senate File 2278, as passed by the Senate, as follows:

1. Page 1, line 8, by striking the figures "~~1989~~ 1990" and inserting the following: "1989 except that the standard adopted by the state board relating to the requirement that each board of directors adopt student responsibility and discipline policies shall not take effect until July 1, 1990".
 2. Title page, line 3, by inserting after the word "date" the following: "of certain standards".
- By SWARTZ of Marshall

H-5981 FILED MARCH 28, 1988

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SENATE FILE 2278

H-5982

Amend Senate File 2278, as passed by the Senate, as follows:

1. Page 1, line 8, by striking the figures "~~1989~~ 1990" and inserting the following: "1989 except that the adoption by each board of directors of a policy for the implementation of a school health services program shall not take effect until July 1, 1990".
 2. Title page, line 3, by inserting after the word "date" the following: "of certain standards".
- By SWARTZ of Marshall

H-5982 FILED MARCH 28, 1988

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SENATE FILE 2278

H-5983

1 Amend Senate File 2278, as passed by the Senate, as
2 follows:

3 1. Page 1, line 8, by striking the figures "~~1989~~
4 1990" and inserting the following: "1989 except that
5 the standard adopted by the state board relating to
6 subject areas that must be taught in grades one
7 through six shall not take effect until July 1, 1990".

8 2. Title page, line 3, by inserting after the
9 word "date" the following: "of certain standards".

By SWARTZ of Marshall

H-5983 FILED MARCH 28, 1988

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SENATE FILE 2278

H-5984

1 Amend Senate File 2278, as passed by the Senate, as
2 follows:

3 1. Page 1, line 8, by striking the figures "~~1989~~
4 1990" and inserting the following: "1989 except that
5 the standard adopted by the state board relating to
6 the requirement that each board of directors by
7 adopted policy require its administration to provide
8 an audit of the instructional time for students shall
9 not take effect until July 1, 1990".

10 2. Title page, line 3, by inserting after the
11 word "date" the following: "of certain standards".

By SWARTZ of Marshall

H-5984 FILED MARCH 28, 1988

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SENATE FILE 2278

H-5986

1 Amend Senate File 2278, as passed by the Senate, as
2 follows:

3 1. Page 1, line 8, by striking the figures "~~1989~~
4 1990" and inserting the following: "1989 except that
5 the standard adopted by the state board relating to
6 the adoption by boards of directors of plans for the
7 efficient and effective use of technology in the
8 instructional program shall not take effect until July
9 1, 1990".

10 2. Title page, line 3, by inserting after the
11 word "date" the following: "of certain standards".

By SWARTZ of Marshall

H-5986 FILED MARCH 28, 1988

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SENATE FILE 2278

H-6493

Amend Senate File 2278, as passed by the Senate, as follows:

1. By striking everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

"Section 1. Section 256.17, unnumbered paragraph 2, Code Supplement 1987, is amended to read as follows:

Notwithstanding the standards included in section 256.11, not later than July 1, 1987, the state board shall adopt rules establishing new standards for accredited schools. The rules shall be adopted under chapter 17A and shall require that schools and school districts meet the standards adopted by the state board not later than July 1, 1989, except for the following:

1. Schools and school districts are not required to meet the standard adopted by the state board requiring that ten units of vocational education be offered and taught in grades nine through twelve unless the general assembly enacts legislation relating to the requirements stated in the standard. Until that time the occupational education requirements stated in section 256.11, subsection 6, paragraph "h", remain in effect.

2. Schools and school districts are not required to meet the standard adopted by the state board specifically relating to the number of instructional days and length of the school day for kindergarten programs on July 1, 1992, unless the general assembly has adopted legislation that provides additional state moneys to school districts for the increased costs of the kindergarten programs. The kindergarten program standard shall not take effect until the additional state moneys have been provided.

3. Schools and school districts are not required to meet the requirement stated in the standards that prohibits an individual who is employed or contracted for as superintendent from also serving as a principal in that school or school district unless the general assembly adopts legislation to prohibit the combination. The department of education shall review the literature relating to administrative organizational structure of schools and make recommendations for an alternative structure to the general assembly not later than February 1, 1989.

Sec. 2. The legislative council is requested to establish a study committee composed of members of the house and senate committees on education from both political parties to conduct a comprehensive study of the provision of vocational education courses for

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1 secondary school students. The study shall include,
2 but not be limited to, the vocational education
3 requirements contained in the rules adopted by the
4 state board of education pursuant to section 256.17,
5 the courses offered by school districts, the costs of
6 offering the various areas of vocational education
7 courses, enrollment trends, and the feasibility of
8 alternative means of offering vocational education
9 courses, including but not limited to, requiring that
10 secondary school vocational education courses be
11 provided by the area schools in either the high school
12 or area school setting or an alternative setting.

13 The study committee shall submit a report of its
14 recommendations to the legislative task force studying
15 postsecondary education if one is established, the
16 legislative council, and the general assembly meeting
17 in 1989.

18 Sec. 3. The legislative fiscal bureau shall
19 conduct a survey of school districts to determine the
20 feasibility of requiring that the kindergarten program
21 operate a minimum of one hundred eighty days and meet
22 a minimum school day time requirement of four and one-
23 half hours. The survey shall include an inventory of
24 additional space requirements and the availability of
25 vacant classrooms in school district facilities,
26 additional staff requirements, availability of
27 educational materials, and transportation needs.

28 The legislative fiscal bureau shall report the
29 results of the survey to the chairpersons and ranking
30 members of the senate and house committees on
31 education not later than December 1, 1988."

By OLLIE of Clinton

H-6493 FILED APRIL 14, 1988

ADOPTED (p. 1980)

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO
SENATE FILE 2278

6034

1 Amend Senate File 2278, as passed by the Senate, as
2 follows:

3 1. By striking everything after the enacting
4 clause and inserting the following:

5 "Section 1. Section 256.17, unnumbered paragraph
6 2, Code Supplement 1987, is amended to read as
7 follows:

8 Notwithstanding the standards included in section
9 256.11, not later than July 1, 1987, the state board
10 shall adopt rules establishing new standards for
11 accredited schools. The rules shall be adopted under
12 chapter 17A and shall require that schools and school
13 districts meet the standards adopted by the state
14 board not later than July 1, 1989, except for the
15 following:

16 1. Schools and school districts are not required
17 to meet the standard adopted by the state board
18 requiring that ten units of vocational education be
19 offered and taught in grades nine through twelve
20 unless the general assembly enacts legislation
21 relating to the requirements stated in the standard.
22 Until that time the occupational education
23 requirements stated in section 256.11, subsection 6,
24 paragraph "h", remain in effect.

25 2. Schools and school districts are not required
26 to meet the standard adopted by the state board
27 specifically relating to the number of instructional
28 days and length of the school day for kindergarten
29 programs on July 1, 1992, unless the general assembly
30 has adopted legislation that provides additional state
31 moneys to school districts for the increased costs of
32 the kindergarten programs. The kindergarten program
33 standard shall not take effect until the additional
34 state moneys have been provided.

35 3. Schools and school districts are not required
36 to meet the requirement stated in the standards that
37 prohibits an individual who is employed or contracted
38 for as superintendent from also serving as a principal
39 in that school or school district unless the general
40 assembly adopts legislation to prohibit the
41 combination. The department of education shall review
42 the literature relating to administrative
43 organizational structure of schools and make
44 recommendations for an alternative structure to the
45 general assembly not later than February 1, 1989.

46 Sec. 2. The legislative council is requested to
47 establish a study committee composed of members of the
48 house and senate committees on education from both
49 political parties to conduct a comprehensive study of
50 the provision of vocational education courses for

1 secondary school students. The study shall include.
2 but not be limited to, the vocational education
3 requirements contained in the rules adopted by the
4 state board of education pursuant to section 256.17,
5 the courses offered by school districts, the costs of
6 offering the various areas of vocational education
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15 postsecondary education if one is established, the
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28 The legislative fiscal bureau shall report the
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31 education not later than December 1, 1988."

S-6034

Filed April 15, 1988

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House insisted 4/15 (p. 1992)

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REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
ON SENATE FILE 2278

To the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

We, the undersigned members of the conference committee appointed to resolve the differences between the Senate and the House of Representatives on Senate File 2278, a bill for An Act relating to the implementation of educational standards adopted by the state board of education, including delaying the effective date and providing for additional study of certain standards, respectfully make the following report:

1. That the House recedes from its amendment, S-6034.

2. That Senate File 2278, as passed by the Senate, is amended as follows:

1. By striking everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

"Section 1. Section 256.11, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code Supplement 1987, is amended by striking the unnumbered paragraph and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

The state board shall adopt rules under chapter 17A and a procedure for accrediting all public and nonpublic schools in Iowa offering instruction at any or all levels from the prekindergarten level through grade twelve. The rules of the state board shall require that a multicultural, nonsexist approach is used by school districts. The educational program shall be taught from a multicultural, nonsexist approach. Global perspectives shall be incorporated into all levels of the educational program.

The rules adopted by the state board pursuant to section

256.17, Code Supplement 1987, to establish new standards shall satisfy the requirements of this section to adopt rules to implement the educational program contained in this section.

The educational program shall be as follows:

Sec. 2. Section 256.11, subsections 1 through 9, Code Supplement 1987, are amended by striking the subsections and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

1. If a school offers a prekindergarten program, the program shall be designed to help children to work and play with others, to express themselves, to learn to use and manage their bodies, and to extend their interests and understanding of the world about them. The prekindergarten program shall relate the role of the family to the child's developing sense of self and perception of others. Planning and carrying out prekindergarten activities designed to encourage cooperative efforts between home and school shall focus on community resources. A prekindergarten teacher shall hold a certificate certifying that the holder is qualified to teach in prekindergarten. A nonpublic school which offers only a prekindergarten may, but is not required to, seek and obtain accreditation.

2. 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 human growth and development. A kindergarten teacher shall be certificated to teach in kindergarten. An accredited nonpublic school must meet the requirements of this subsection only if the nonpublic school offers a kindergarten program.

3. The following areas shall be taught in grades one through six: English-language arts, social studies, mathematics, science, health, human growth and development, physical education, traffic safety, music, and visual art.

The health curriculum shall include the characteristics of communicable diseases including acquired immune deficiency syndrome. The state board as part of accreditation standards shall adopt curriculum definitions for implementing the elementary program.

4. The following shall be taught in grades seven and eight: English-language arts, social studies, mathematics, science, health, human growth and development, physical education, music, and visual arts. The health curriculum shall include the characteristics of sexually transmitted diseases and acquired immune deficiency syndrome. The state board as part of accreditation standards shall adopt curriculum definitions for implementing the program in grades seven and eight.

5. In grades nine through twelve, a unit of credit consists of a course or equivalent related components or partial units taught throughout the academic year. The minimum program to be offered and taught for grades nine through twelve is:

a. Five units of science including physics and chemistry; the units of physics and chemistry may be taught in alternate years.

b. Five units of the social studies including instruction in voting statutes and procedures, voter registration requirements, the use of paper ballots and voting machines in the election process, and the method of acquiring and casting an absentee ballot.

The county auditor, upon request and at a site chosen by the county auditor, shall make available to schools within the county voting machines or sample ballots that are generally used within the county, at times when these machines or sample ballots are not in use for their recognized purpose.

c. Six units of English-language arts.

d. Four units of a sequential program in mathematics.

e. Two units of general mathematics.

f. Four sequential units of one foreign language. The department may waive the third and fourth years of the foreign language requirement on an annual basis upon the request of the board of directors of a school district or the authorities in charge of a nonpublic school if the board or authorities are able to prove that a certificated teacher was employed and assigned a schedule that would have allowed students to enroll in a foreign language class, the foreign language class was properly scheduled, students were aware that a foreign language class was scheduled, and no students enrolled in the class.

g. All students physically able shall be required to participate in physical education activities during each semester they are enrolled in school except as otherwise provided in this paragraph. A minimum of one-eighth unit each semester is required. A twelfth grade student who meets the requirements of this paragraph may be excused from the physical education requirement by the principal of the school in which the student is enrolled if the parent or guardian of the student requests in writing that the student be excused from the physical education requirement. A student who wishes to be excused from the physical education requirement must be enrolled in a cooperative or work-study program or other educational program authorized by the school which requires the student to leave the school premises for specified periods of time during the school day. The student must seek to be excused from the physical education requirement in order to enroll in academic courses not otherwise available to the student. The principal of the school shall inform the superintendent of the school district or nonpublic school that the student has been excused. Physical education activities shall emphasize leisure time activities which will benefit the student outside the school environment and after graduation from high school.

h. Five units of occupational education subjects, which

may include, but are not limited to, programs, services, and activities which prepare students for employment in office and clerical, trade and industrial, consumer and homemaking, agriculture, distributive, and health occupations.

i. Three units in the fine arts which shall include at least two of the following: dance, music, theatre, and visual art.

j. One unit of health education which shall include personal health; food and nutrition; environmental health; safety and survival skills; consumer health; family life; human growth and development; substance abuse and nonuse; emotional and social health; health resources; and prevention and control of disease, including sexually transmitted diseases and acquired immune deficiency syndrome. The state board as part of accreditation standards shall adopt curriculum standards for implementing the program in grades nine through twelve.

6. A pupil is not required to enroll in either physical education or health courses if the pupil's parent or guardian files a written statement with the school principal that the course conflicts with the pupil's religious belief.

7. Programs that meet the needs of each of the following:
- a. Pupils requiring special education.
 - b. Gifted and talented pupils.
 - c. Programs for at-risk students.

Rules adopted by the state board to implement this paragraph shall be based upon the definition of at-risk student developed by the child coordinating council established in section 256A.2 and the state board shall consider the recommendations of the child coordinating council in developing the rules.

8. Upon request of the board of directors of a public school district or the authorities in charge of a nonpublic school, the director may, for a number of years to be specified by the director, grant the district board or the

authorities in charge of the nonpublic school exemption from one or more of the requirements of the educational program specified in subsection 5. The exemption may be renewed. Exemptions shall be granted only if the director deems that the request made is an essential part of a planned innovative curriculum project which the director determines will adequately meet the educational needs and interests of the pupils and be broadly consistent with the intent of the educational program as defined in subsection 5.

The request for exemption shall include all of the following:

a. Rationale of the project to include supportive research evidence.

b. Objectives of the project.

c. Provisions for administration and conduct of the project, including the use of personnel, facilities, time, techniques, and activities.

d. Plans for evaluation of the project by testing and observational measures of pupil progress in reaching the objectives.

e. Plans for revisions of the project based on evaluation measures.

f. Plans for periodic reports to the department.

g. The estimated cost of the project.

9. a. Effective July 1, 1989, through June 30, 1990, to facilitate the implementation and economical operation of the educational program defined in subsections 4 and 5, each school offering any of grades seven through twelve, except a school which offers grades one through eight as an elementary school, shall meet the media center requirements specified in section 256.11, subsection 9, paragraph "a", Code Supplement 1987.

b. Effective July 1, 1990, unless a waiver has been obtained under section 256.11A, each school or school district shall have a qualified school media specialist who shall meet

the certification and approval standards prescribed by the department and shall be responsible for supervision of the media centers. Each school or school district shall establish a media center, in each attendance center, which shall be accessible to students throughout the school day.

10. Each school or school district shall provide an articulated sequential guidance program for grades kindergarten through twelve. Until July 1, 1991, a school or school district may obtain a waiver from meeting the requirements of this subsection pursuant to section 256.11A. The guidance counselor shall meet the certification and approval standards of the department.

Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 256.11A IMPLEMENTATION OF STANDARDS.

1. Schools and school districts are not required to meet the standard adopted by the state board under section 256.17, Code Supplement 1987, requiring that ten units of vocational education be offered and taught in grades nine through twelve unless the general assembly enacts legislation relating to the requirements stated in the standard. Until the time schools and school districts are required to meet the standard, the occupational education requirements stated in section 256.11, subsection 5, paragraph "h", apply.

2. Schools and school districts are not required to meet the requirement stated in the standards adopted by the state board under section 256.17, Code Supplement 1987, that prohibits an individual who is employed or contracted as superintendent from also serving as a principal in that school or school district until July 1, 1990, except as otherwise provided in this subsection. Not later than January 1, 1990, for the school year beginning July 1, 1990, the board of directors of a school district or authorities in charge of a nonpublic school, may file a written request with the department of education that the department waive the requirement for that district or school. The procedures

specified in subsection 5 apply to the request.

3. Schools and school districts unable to meet the standard adopted by the state board under section 256.17, Code Supplement 1987, and contained in section 256.11, subsection 9, effective July 1, 1989, requiring that on July 1, 1989, each board operating a kindergarten through grade twelve program provide an articulated sequential elementary-secondary guidance program may, not later than January 1, 1989, for the school year beginning July 1, 1989, file a written request to the department of education that the department waive the requirement for that school or school district. The procedures specified in subsection 5 apply to the request. Not later than January 1, 1990, for the school year beginning July 1, 1990, the board or authorities may request a one-year extension of the waiver.

If a waiver is approved under subsection 5, the school or school district shall meet the requirements of section 256.11, subsection 9, paragraph "b", Code Supplement 1987, for the period for which the waiver is approved.

4. Schools and school districts are not required to meet the standard adopted by the state board of education under section 256.17, Code Supplement 1987, and contained in section 256.11, subsection 9, paragraph "b", effective July 1, 1990, that requires the board to establish and operate a media services program to support the total curriculum until July 1, 1990, except as otherwise provided in this subsection. Not later than January 1, 1990, for the school year beginning July 1, 1990, the board of directors of a school district, or authorities in charge of a nonpublic school, may file a written request with the department of education that the department waive the requirement for that district or school. The procedures specified in subsection 5 apply to the request.

If a waiver is approved under subsection 5, the school district or school shall meet the requirements of section 256.11, subsection 9, paragraph "a", Code Supplement 1987, for

the period for which the waiver is approved.

5. A request for a waiver filed by the board of directors of a school district or authorities in charge of a nonpublic school shall describe actions being taken by the district or school to meet the requirement for which the district or school has requested a waiver. The state board of education shall adopt rules under chapter 17A to implement a procedure and criteria for the department to use in making a decision to approve a waiver under subsections 2, 3, and 4.

Sec. 4. The legislative council is requested to establish a study committee composed of members of the house and senate committees on education from both political parties to conduct a comprehensive study of the provision of vocational education courses for secondary school students. The study shall include, but not be limited to, the vocational education requirements contained in the rules adopted by the state board of education pursuant to section 256.17, the courses offered by school districts, the costs of offering the various areas of vocational education courses, enrollment trends, and the feasibility of alternative means of offering vocational education courses, including but not limited to, requiring that secondary school vocational education courses be provided by the area schools in either the high school or area school setting or an alternative setting.

The study committee shall submit a report of its recommendations to the legislative postsecondary education task force if one is established, the legislative council, and the general assembly meeting in 1989.

Sec. 5. If the general assembly adopts a concurrent resolution during the 1989 legislative session requesting a survey, the legislative fiscal bureau shall conduct a survey of school districts to determine the feasibility of requiring that the kindergarten program operate a minimum of one hundred eighty days and meet a minimum school day time requirement of four and one-half hours. The survey shall include an

inventory of additional space requirements and the availability of vacant classrooms in school district facilities, additional staff requirements, factors affecting pupil/teacher ratios, availability of educational materials, and transportation needs.

The legislative fiscal bureau shall report the results of the survey to the chairpersons and ranking members of the senate and house committees on education not later than January 1, 1990.

Sec. 6. It is the intent of the general assembly to develop a standard relating to kindergarten requirements which is based on the unique needs of young children in school settings. The legislative council is requested to appoint an interim study committee to conduct a comprehensive study of the needs of young children for all day, every day kindergarten as well as the need for additional care and activities in the school environment, including but not limited to recreation, child care, health, developmental, and latchkey programs. The committee shall consider the preliminary findings of the legislative fiscal bureau space study. The committee shall be composed of members of the house and senate, from both political parties, and persons knowledgeable in the field of child development, including members of the state child development coordinating council. The committee shall develop recommendations and submit the recommendations in a report to the legislative council and the general assembly not later than March 1, 1989 "

Sec. 7. Section 331.502, subsection 23, Code 1987, is amended to read as follows:

27. Make available to schools, voting machines or sample ballots for instructional purposes as provided in section 256.17, subsection 6 5.

Sec. 8. Section 455E 8, subsection 10, Code Supplement 1987, is amended to read as follows:

10. Develop a program in consultation with the department

of education and the department of environmental education of the University of Northern Iowa, regarding water quality issues which shall be included in the minimum program required in grades seven and eight pursuant to rules adopted by the state board of education under section 256.11, subsection 4.

Sec. 9. Section 467A.7, subsection 18, Code Supplement 1987, is amended to read as follows:

18. To encourage local school districts to provide instruction in the importance of and in some of the basic methods of soil conservation, as a part of the course work relating to conservation of natural resources and environmental awareness required in rules adopted by the state board of education pursuant to section 256.11, subsections 3 and 4, and to offer technical assistance to schools in developing such instructional programs.

Sec. 10. Section 622.10, unnumbered paragraph 2, Code 1987, is amended to read as follows:

No qualified school guidance counselor, who has met the certification and approval standards of the department of education as provided in section ~~257-25~~ 256.11, subsection 9 10, who obtains information by reason of the counselor's employment as a qualified school guidance counselor shall be allowed, in giving testimony, to disclose any confidential communications properly entrusted to the counselor by a pupil or the pupil's parent or guardian in the counselor's capacity as a qualified school guidance counselor and necessary and proper to enable the counselor to perform the counselor's duties as a qualified school guidance counselor.

Sec. 11. Sections 1, 2, and 7 through 10 of this Act take effect July 1, 1989.

Sec. 12. Section 256.17, Code Supplement 1987, is repealed effective July 1, 1989."

2. Title page, by striking lines 1 through 4 and inserting the following: "An Act relating to school standards, providing for implementation of educational

standards developed and adopted by the state board of education, enactment of educational standards, providing a waiver procedure, providing for additional study of certain standards, and providing delayed effective dates for certain standards."

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE:

LARRY MURPHY, Chairperson
JOY CORNING
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RAY TAYLOR

Senate adopted 4/16/88

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE:

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SENATE FILE 2278

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION BILL)

Passed Senate, Date _____ Passed House, Date _____
Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____ Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to implementation of educational standards
2 adopted by the state board of education, including delaying
3 the effective date and providing for additional study of
4 certain standards.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 256.17, unnumbered paragraph 2, Code
2 Supplement 1987, is amended to read as follows:

3 Notwithstanding the standards included in section 256.11,
4 not later than July 1, 1987, the state board shall adopt rules
5 establishing new standards for accredited schools. The rules
6 shall be adopted under chapter 17A and shall require that
7 schools and school districts meet the standards adopted by the
8 state board not later than July 1, ~~1989~~ 1990. Standards
9 adopted by the state board specifically relating to the number
10 of instructional days and length of the school day for
11 kindergarten programs take effect until July 1, 1993."

12 Sec. 2. The legislative council is requested to establish
13 a study committee composed of members of the house and senate
14 committees on education from both political parties to conduct
15 a comprehensive study of the provision of vocational education
16 courses for secondary school students. The study shall
17 include, but not be limited to, the vocational education
18 requirements contained in the rules adopted by the state board
19 of education pursuant to section 256.17, the courses offered
20 by school districts, the costs of offering the various areas
21 of vocational education courses, enrollment trends, and the
22 feasibility of alternative means of offering vocational
23 education courses, including but not limited to, requiring
24 that secondary school vocational education courses be provided
25 by the area schools in either the high school or area school
26 setting or an alternative setting.

27 The study committee shall submit a report of its
28 recommendations to the legislative council and the general
29 assembly meeting in 1989.

30 Sec. 3. The legislative fiscal bureau shall conduct a
31 survey of school districts to determine the feasibility of
32 requiring that the kindergarten program operate a minimum of
33 one hundred eighty days and meet a minimum school day time
34 requirement of four and one-half hours. The survey shall
35 include an inventory of additional space requirements and the

1 availability of vacant classrooms in school district
2 facilities, additional staff requirements, availability of
3 educational materials, and transportation needs.

4 The legislative fiscal bureau shall report the results of
5 the survey to the chairpersons and ranking members of the
6 senate and house committees on education not later than
7 December 1, 1988.

8 EXPLANATION

9 This bill delays implementation of the educational
10 standards adopted by the state board of education from July 1,
11 1989, to July 1, 1990. Implementation of the standard
12 requiring all day, every day kindergarten is delayed from July
13 1, 1992, to July 1, 1993. The bill also requests that the
14 legislative council establish an interim study committee to
15 study the provision of vocational education courses to high
16 school students and that the legislative fiscal bureau conduct
17 a survey of school districts to determine the availability of
18 facilities, personnel, and materials for all day every day
19 kindergarten.

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SENATE FILE 2278

AN ACT

RELATING TO SCHOOL STANDARDS, PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS DEVELOPED AND ADOPTED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, ENACTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS, PROVIDING A WAIVER PROCEDURE, PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY OF CERTAIN STANDARDS, AND PROVIDING DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATES FOR CERTAIN STANDARDS.

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

Section 1. Section 256.11, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code Supplement 1987, is amended by striking the unnumbered paragraph and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

The state board shall adopt rules under chapter 17A and a procedure for accrediting all public and nonpublic schools in Iowa offering instruction at any or all levels from the prekindergarten level through grade twelve. The rules of the state board shall require that a multicultural, nonsexist approach is used by school districts. The educational program shall be taught from a multicultural, nonsexist approach. Global perspectives shall be incorporated into all levels of the educational program.

The rules adopted by the state board pursuant to section 256.17, Code Supplement 1987, to establish new standards shall satisfy the requirements of this section to adopt rules to implement the educational program contained in this section.

The educational program shall be as follows:

Sec. 2. Section 256.11, subsections 1 through 9, Code Supplement 1987, are amended by striking the subsections and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

1. If a school offers a prekindergarten program, the program shall be designed to help children to work and play with others, to express themselves, to learn to use and manage

their bodies, and to extend their interests and understanding of the world about them. The prekindergarten program shall relate the role of the family to the child's developing sense of self and perception of others. Planning and carrying out prekindergarten activities designed to encourage cooperative efforts between home and school shall focus on community resources. A prekindergarten teacher shall hold a certificate certifying that the holder is qualified to teach in prekindergarten. A nonpublic school which offers only a prekindergarten may, but is not required to, seek and obtain accreditation.

2. 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 human growth and development. A kindergarten teacher shall be certificated to teach in kindergarten. An accredited nonpublic school must meet the requirements of this subsection only if the nonpublic school offers a kindergarten program.

3. The following areas shall be taught in grades one through six: English-language arts, social studies, mathematics, science, health, human growth and development, physical education, traffic safety, music, and visual art. The health curriculum shall include the characteristics of communicable diseases including acquired immune deficiency syndrome. The state board as part of accreditation standards shall adopt curriculum definitions for implementing the elementary program.

4. The following shall be taught in grades seven and eight: English-language arts, social studies, mathematics, science, health, human growth and development, physical education, music, and visual arts. The health curriculum shall include the characteristics of sexually transmitted diseases and acquired immune deficiency syndrome. The state board as part of accreditation standards shall adopt

curriculum definitions for implementing the program in grades seven and eight.

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g. All students physically able shall be required to participate in physical education activities during each semester they are enrolled in school except as otherwise

provided in this paragraph. A minimum of one-eighth unit each semester is required. A twelfth grade student who meets the requirements of this paragraph may be excused from the physical education requirement by the principal of the school in which the student is enrolled if the parent or guardian of the student requests in writing that the student be excused from the physical education requirement. A student who wishes to be excused from the physical education requirement must be enrolled in a cooperative or work-study program or other educational program authorized by the school which requires the student to leave the school premises for specified periods of time during the school day. The student must seek to be excused from the physical education requirement in order to enroll in academic courses not otherwise available to the student. The principal of the school shall inform the superintendent of the school district or nonpublic school that the student has been excused. Physical education activities shall emphasize leisure time activities which will benefit the student outside the school environment and after graduation from high school.

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Rules adopted by the state board to implement this paragraph shall be based upon the definition of at-risk student developed by the child coordinating council established in section 256A.2 and the state board shall consider the recommendations of the child coordinating council in developing the rules.

8. Upon request of the board of directors of a public school district or the authorities in charge of a nonpublic school, the director may, for a number of years to be specified by the director, grant the district board or the authorities in charge of the nonpublic school exemption from one or more of the requirements of the educational program specified in subsection 5. The exemption may be renewed. Exemptions shall be granted only if the director deems that the request made is an essential part of a planned innovative curriculum project which the director determines will adequately meet the educational needs and interests of the pupils and be broadly consistent with the intent of the educational program as defined in subsection 5.

The request for exemption shall include all of the following:

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e. Plans for revisions of the project based on evaluation measures.

f. Plans for periodic reports to the department.

g. The estimated cost of the project.

9. a. Effective July 1, 1989, through June 30, 1990, to facilitate the implementation and economical operation of the educational program defined in subsections 4 and 5, each school offering any of grades seven through twelve, except a school which offers grades one through eight as an elementary school, shall meet the media center requirements specified in section 256.11, subsection 9, paragraph "a", Code Supplement 1987.

b. Effective July 1, 1990, unless a waiver has been obtained under section 256.11A, each school or school district shall have a qualified school media specialist who shall meet the certification and approval standards prescribed by the department and shall be responsible for supervision of the media centers. Each school or school district shall establish a media center, in each attendance center, which shall be accessible to students throughout the school day.

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Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 256.11A IMPLEMENTATION OF STANDARDS.

1. Schools and school districts are not required to meet the standard adopted by the state board under section 256.17, Code Supplement 1987, requiring that ten units of vocational education be offered and taught in grades nine through twelve unless the general assembly enacts legislation relating to the requirements stated in the standard. Until the time schools and school districts are required to meet the standard, the occupational education requirements stated in section 256.11, subsection 5, paragraph "a", apply.

2. Schools and school districts are not required to meet the requirement stated in the standards adopted by the state board under section 256.17, Code Supplement 1987, that prohibits an individual who is employed or contracted as superintendent from also serving as a principal in that school or school district until July 1, 1990, except as otherwise provided in this subsection. Not later than January 1, 1990, for the school year beginning July 1, 1990, the board of directors of a school district or authorities in charge of a nonpublic school, may file a written request with the department of education that the department waive the requirement for that district or school. The procedures specified in subsection 5 apply to the request.

3. Schools and school districts unable to meet the standard adopted by the state board under section 256.17, Code Supplement 1987, and contained in section 256.11, subsection 9, effective July 1, 1989, requiring that on July 1, 1989, each board operating a kindergarten through grade twelve program provide an articulated sequential elementary-secondary guidance program may, not later than January 1, 1989, for the school year beginning July 1, 1989, file a written request to the department of education that the department waive the requirement for that school or school district. The procedures specified in subsection 5 apply to the request. Not later than January 1, 1990, for the school year beginning July 1, 1990, the board or authorities may request a one-year extension of the waiver.

If a waiver is approved under subsection 5, the school or school district shall meet the requirements of section 256.11, subsection 9, paragraph "b", Code Supplement 1987, for the period for which the waiver is approved.

4. Schools and school districts are not required to meet the standard adopted by the state board of education under section 256.17, Code Supplement 1987, and contained in section 256.11, subsection 9, paragraph "b", effective July 1, 1990, that requires the board to establish and operate a media services program to support the total curriculum until July 1,

1990, except as otherwise provided in this subsection. Not later than January 1, 1990, for the school year beginning July 1, 1990, the board of directors of a school district, or authorities in charge of a nonpublic school, may file a written request with the department of education that the department waive the requirement for that district or school. The procedures specified in subsection 5 apply to the request.

If a waiver is approved under subsection 5, the school district or school shall meet the requirements of section 256.11, subsection 9, paragraph "a", Code Supplement 1987, for the period for which the waiver is approved.

5. A request for a waiver filed by the board of directors of a school district or authorities in charge of a nonpublic school shall describe actions being taken by the district or school to meet the requirement for which the district or school has requested a waiver. The state board of education shall adopt rules under chapter 17A to implement a procedure and criteria for the department to use in making a decision to approve a waiver under subsections 2, 3, and 4.

Sec. 4. The legislative council is requested to establish a study committee composed of members of the house and senate committees on education from both political parties to conduct a comprehensive study of the provision of vocational education courses for secondary school students. The study shall include, but not be limited to, the vocational education requirements contained in the rules adopted by the state board of education pursuant to section 256.17, the courses offered by school districts, the costs of offering the various areas of vocational education courses, enrollment trends, and the feasibility of alternative means of offering vocational education courses, including but not limited to, requiring that secondary school vocational education courses be provided by the area schools in either the high school or area school setting or an alternative setting.

The study committee shall submit a report of its recommendations to the legislative postsecondary education task force if one is established, the legislative council, and the general assembly meeting in 1989.

Sec. 5. If the general assembly adopts a concurrent resolution during the 1989 legislative session requesting a survey, the legislative fiscal bureau shall conduct a survey of school districts to determine the feasibility of requiring that the kindergarten program operate a minimum of one hundred eighty days and meet a minimum school day time requirement of four and one-half hours. The survey shall include an inventory of additional space requirements and the availability of vacant classrooms in school district facilities, additional staff requirements, factors affecting pupil/teacher ratios, availability of educational materials, and transportation needs.

The legislative fiscal bureau shall report the results of the survey to the chairpersons and ranking members of the senate and house committees on education not later than January 1, 1990.

Sec. 6. It is the intent of the general assembly to develop a standard relating to kindergarten requirements which is based on the unique needs of young children in school settings. The legislative council is requested to appoint an interim study committee to conduct a comprehensive study of the needs of young children for all day, every day kindergarten as well as the need for additional care and activities in the school environment, including but not limited to recreation, child care, health, developmental, and latchkey programs. The committee shall consider the preliminary findings of the legislative fiscal bureau space study. The committee shall be composed of members of the house and senate, from both political parties, and persons knowledgeable in the field of child development, including members of the state child development coordinating council. The committee shall develop recommendations and submit the recommendations in a report to the legislative council and the general assembly not later than March 1, 1989.

Sec. 7. Section 331.502, subsection 23, Code 1987, is amended to read as follows:

23. Make available to schools, voting machines or sample ballots for instructional purposes as provided in section 256.11, subsection 6 5.

Sec. 8. Section 455E.8, subsection 10, Code Supplement 1987, is amended to read as follows:

10. Develop a program, in consultation with the department of education and the department of environmental education of the University of Northern Iowa, regarding water quality issues which shall be included in the minimum program required in grades seven and eight pursuant to rules adopted by the state board of education under section 256.11, subsection 4.

Sec. 9. Section 467A.7, subsection 18, Code Supplement 1987, is amended to read as follows:

18. To encourage local school districts to provide instruction in the importance of and in some of the basic methods of soil conservation, as a part of the course work relating to conservation of natural resources and environmental awareness required in rules adopted by the state board of education pursuant to section 256.11, subsections 3 and 4, and to offer technical assistance to schools in developing such instructional programs.

Sec. 10. Section 622.10, unnumbered paragraph 2, Code 1987, is amended to read as follows:

No qualified school guidance counselor, who has met the certification and approval standards of the department of education as provided in section 257-25 256.11, subsection 9 10, who obtains information by reason of the counselor's employment as a qualified school guidance counselor shall be allowed, in giving testimony, to disclose any confidential communications properly entrusted to the counselor by a pupil or the pupil's parent or guardian in the counselor's capacity as a qualified school guidance counselor and necessary and proper to enable the counselor to perform the counselor's duties as a qualified school guidance counselor.

Sec. 11. Sections 1, 2, and 7 through 10 of this Act take effect July 1, 1989.

Sec. 12. Section 256.17, Code Supplement 1987, is repealed effective July 1, 1989.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 2278, Seventy-second General Assembly.

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