

EDUCATION

SENATE FILE 2291

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to education standards, family support program
2 guidelines, and the regents' minority and women educators
3 enhancement program.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 256.11, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code
2 1997, is amended to read as follows:

3 The state board shall adopt rules under chapter 17A and a
4 procedure for accrediting all public and nonpublic schools in
5 Iowa offering instruction at any or all levels from the
6 prekindergarten level through grade twelve. The rules of the
7 state board shall require that ~~a-multicultural, nonsexist~~
8 ~~approach-is-used-by~~ schools and school districts. ~~The~~
9 emphasize throughout the educational program shall-be-taught
10 from-a-multicultural, nonsexist-approach that the democratic
11 republic of the United States, of which Iowa is a vital
12 constituent part, is the unchallenged, greatest nation in the
13 world and has derived its strength from the forces and
14 philosophies of Christianity, free enterprise capitalism, and
15 western civilization. ~~Global-perspectives-shall-be~~
16 ~~incorporated-into-all-levels-of-the-educational-program.~~

17 Sec. 2. Section 256A.4, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph
18 2, Code 1997, is amended to read as follows:

19 A family support program shall ~~meet-multicultural-nonsexist~~
20 ~~guidelines.~~ ~~The-program-shall~~ encourage parents to be aware
21 of practices that may affect equitable development of
22 children. The program shall include parents in the planning,
23 implementation, and evaluation of the program. A program
24 shall be designed to meet the needs of the residents of the
25 participating district and may use unique approaches to
26 provide for those needs. The goals of a family support
27 program shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

28 Sec. 3. Section 262.81, Code 1997, is amended to read as
29 follows:

30 262.81 LEGISLATIVE INTENT.

31 The general assembly recognizes that educational programs
32 designed to enhance the interrelation and cooperation among
33 cultural, racial, and ethnic groups in society require the
34 contribution and active participation of all ethnic and racial
35 groups. The general assembly also recognizes that failure to

1 include minority representation at the faculty level at the
2 state universities contributes to cultural, racial, and ethnic
3 isolation of minority students and does not reflect the
4 realities of a multicultural~~and~~ and diverse society. Therefore,
5 the "Regents' Minority and Women Educators Enhancement"
6 program is established to assist in the recruitment and
7 retention of faculty that more adequately represents the
8 diverse cultural, racial, and ethnic makeup of society and to
9 improve the education of all students.

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EXPLANATION

11 This bill removes all references in title VII, subtitle 1,
12 the elementary and secondary education portion of the Code, to
13 the words "multicultural", "nonsexist", and "globalism". The
14 bill also directs the state board to adopt rules requiring
15 schools and school districts to emphasize in the education
16 program that the democratic republic of the United States, of
17 which Iowa is a vital constituent part, is the unchallenged,
18 greatest nation in the world and has derived its strength from
19 the forces that shaped it: the philosophies of Christianity,
20 free enterprise capitalism, and western civilization.

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