

House File 2380

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1 Amend House File 2380 as follows:

2 1. By striking page 11, line 27, through page 12,  
3 line 25.

4 2. Page 55, by striking lines 2 through 22 and  
5 inserting:

6 <DIVISION  
7 ONLINE LEARNING

8 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. Section 256.7, subsections 7, 8, and 9,  
9 Code Supplement 2011, are amended to read as follows:

10 7. Adopt rules under chapter 17A for the use  
11 of telecommunications as an instructional tool and  
12 for educational instruction and content delivery  
13 primarily over the internet for students enrolled in  
14 kindergarten through grade twelve and served by local  
15 school districts, accredited or approved nonpublic  
16 schools, area education agencies, community colleges,  
17 institutions of higher education under the state board  
18 of regents, and independent colleges and universities  
19 in elementary and secondary school classes and courses.  
20 The rules shall include but need not be limited to  
21 rules relating to programs, rigorous alignment of all  
22 coursework to the core curriculum and core content  
23 standards, educational policy, instructional practices,  
24 staff development, use of pilot projects, curriculum  
25 monitoring, and the accessibility of licensed teachers.

26 a. When curriculum is provided by means of  
27 telecommunications or delivered over the internet, it  
28 shall be taught by ~~an appropriately licensed~~ a teacher  
29 licensed under chapter 272. ~~The~~ When provided by  
30 means of telecommunications, the teacher shall either  
31 be present in the classroom, or be present at the  
32 location at which the curriculum delivered by means of  
33 telecommunications originates.

34 b. The rules shall provide that when the curriculum  
35 is taught by an appropriately licensed teacher at the  
36 location at which the telecommunications originates,  
37 the curriculum received at a remote site shall be under  
38 the supervision of a licensed teacher. The licensed  
39 teacher at the originating site may provide supervision  
40 of students at a remote site or the school district  
41 in which the remote site is located may provide for  
42 supervision at the remote site if the school district  
43 deems it necessary or if requested to do so by the  
44 licensed teacher at the originating site.

45 c. For the purposes of this subsection,  
46 "supervision" means that the curriculum is monitored  
47 by a ~~licensed~~ teacher licensed under chapter 272 and  
48 the teacher is accessible to the students receiving the  
49 curriculum by means of telecommunications or delivery  
50 over the internet.

1 ~~e.~~ d. The state board shall establish an  
2 advisory committee to make recommendations for  
3 rules required under this subsection on the use of  
4 telecommunications as an instructional tool and for  
5 educational instruction and content delivery primarily  
6 over the internet. The committee shall be composed  
7 of representatives from community colleges and other  
8 accredited institutions of higher education, area  
9 education agencies, accredited or approved nonpublic  
10 schools, and local school districts from various  
11 enrollment categories. The representatives shall  
12 include board members, school administrators, teachers,  
13 parents, students, and associations interested in  
14 education.

15 ~~d.~~ e. For the purpose of the rules adopted by  
16 the state board, telecommunications means narrowcast  
17 communications through systems that are directed toward  
18 a narrowly defined audience and includes interactive  
19 live communications, and coursework delivered over the  
20 internet may also be referred to as online learning.

21 8. Rules adopted under this section shall provide  
22 that the following:

23 a. That telecommunications and delivery of  
24 curriculum over the internet shall not be used by  
25 school districts as the exclusive means to provide any  
26 course which is required by the minimum educational  
27 standards for accreditation.

28 b. That not more than fifty percent of a student's  
29 coursework may be delivered over the internet, except  
30 when it is medically necessary for a student to take an  
31 extended leave of absence from the classroom.

32 c. That a school district implementing an online  
33 learning curriculum at its discretion may offer courses  
34 developed by private providers. However, such courses  
35 shall meet the requirements of this subsection and  
36 subsections 7 and 9.

37 9. Develop evaluation procedures that will  
38 measure the effects of instruction by means of  
39 telecommunications or delivered over the internet  
40 on student achievement, socialization, intellectual  
41 growth, motivation, and other related factors deemed  
42 relevant by the state board, for the development of an  
43 educational database. The state board shall consult  
44 with the state board of regents and the practitioner  
45 preparation departments at its institutions, other  
46 practitioner preparation departments located within  
47 private colleges and universities, educational research  
48 agencies or facilities, and other agencies deemed  
49 appropriate by the state board, in developing these  
50 procedures.

1     Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. Section 256.9, Code Supplement 2011, is  
2 amended by adding the following new subsection:  
3     NEW SUBSECTION. 65. Develop and establish  
4 an online learning program model that meets the  
5 requirements of section 256.7, subsections 7, 8, and  
6 9, prepares teachers to meet the needs of students in  
7 an online environment, including but not limited to  
8 building community, developing strategies for working  
9 with virtual students, and assessing virtual students.  
10    Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. NEW SECTION. 256.24 Iowa learning online  
11 initiative.  
12    1. An Iowa learning online initiative is  
13 established within the department of education to  
14 partner with school districts to provide distance  
15 education to high school students statewide. The  
16 department shall utilize a variety of content  
17 repositories, including those maintained by the  
18 area education agencies and the public broadcasting  
19 division, in administering the initiative.  
20    2. Coursework offered under the initiative shall  
21 meet the requirements of section 256.7, subsections  
22 7, 8, and 9, and shall be taught by an appropriately  
23 licensed teacher who has completed an online-learning  
24 -for-Iowa-educators-professional-development project  
25 offered by area education agencies, a teacher  
26 preservice program, or comparable coursework.  
27    3. Under the initiative, students must be  
28 enrolled in a participating school district, which  
29 is responsible for recording grades received for  
30 initiative coursework in a student's permanent record,  
31 awarding high school credit for initiative coursework,  
32 and issuing high school diplomas to students enrolled  
33 in the district who participate and complete coursework  
34 under the initiative. Each participating school shall  
35 identify a site coordinator to serve as a student  
36 advocate and as a liaison between the initiative staff  
37 and teachers and the school district.  
38    4. Coursework offered under the initiative shall  
39 be rigorous and high quality, and the department  
40 shall annually evaluate the quality of the courses,  
41 ensure that coursework is aligned with the state's  
42 core curriculum and core content requirements and  
43 standards, as well as national standards of quality for  
44 online courses issued by an internationally recognized  
45 association for kindergarten through grade twelve  
46 online learning.  
47    Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. Section 256.33, subsection 3, Code 2011,  
48 is amended to read as follows:  
49    3. Priority shall be given to programs integrating  
50 ~~telecommunications~~ educational technology into the

1 classroom. The department may award grants to school  
2 corporations and higher education institutions to  
3 perform the functions listed in this section.

4 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. Section 279.47, Code 2011, is amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 **279.47 Telecommunications and internet delivery**  
7 **— participation by school districts in database**  
8 **development.**

9 The board of directors of each school district  
10 ~~utilizing telecommunications as an instructional tool~~  
11 providing instruction by means of telecommunications  
12 or delivered over the internet shall participate in  
13 procedures adopted by the state board of education  
14 under section 256.7, subsection 9.>

15 3. By renumbering as necessary.

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