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- Amend the amendment, H-8179, to House File 2380 as 2 follows:
- 3 1. By striking page 1, line 2, through page 3, line
 4 25, and inserting:
- 5 < ___. Page 12, after line 1 by inserting: 6 <Sec. __. NEW SECTION. 256.27 Iowa learning 7 online initiative.
- 8 1. An Iowa learning online initiative is
 9 established within the department of education to
 10 partner with school districts and accredited nonpublic
 11 schools to provide distance education to high school
 12 students statewide. The department shall utilize
 13 a variety of content repositories, including those
 14 maintained by the area education agencies and the
 15 public broadcasting division, in administering the
 16 initiative.
- 2. Coursework offered under the initiative shall meet the requirements of section 256.7, subsections 7, 8, and 9, and shall be taught by an appropriately licensed teacher who has completed an online-learning -for-Iowa-educators-professional-development project offered by area education agencies, a teacher preservice program, or comparable coursework.
- 3. Under the initiative, students must be enrolled in a participating school district or school, which is responsible for recording grades received for initiative coursework in a student's permanent record, awarding high school credit for initiative coursework, and issuing high school diplomas to students enrolled in the district or school who participate and complete coursework under the initiative. Each participating school district or school shall identify a site coordinator to serve as a student advocate and as a liaison between the initiative staff and teachers and the school district or school.
- 4. Coursework offered under the initiative shall
 37 be rigorous and high quality, and the department
 38 shall annually evaluate the quality of the courses,
 39 ensure that coursework is aligned with the state's
 40 core curriculum and core content requirements and
 41 standards, as well as national standards of quality for
 42 online courses issued by an internationally recognized
 43 association for kindergarten through grade twelve
 44 online learning.
- 5. The department may waive any requirement that a 46 subject being studied under the initiative by a student 47 enrolled in a school district or school participating 48 in the initiative be a subject that is offered and 49 taught by the professional staff of the participating 50 school district or school.>>

1 2. By renumbering as necessary.

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