



**END OF SESSION — SF 240 — STUDENT STATEWIDE ASSESSMENTS**

**Description:** [Senate File 240](#) requires the Department of Education to issue a new request for proposals (RFP) no later than July 1, 2017, for the selection of a statewide assessment to measure student growth and student achievement toward the Iowa core academic standards. The selected assessment will be available for grades three through eight and one high school level grade, and must cover English language arts, math, and science.

The Department must consider only the following in the RFP process:

- Feasibility of implementation by school districts.
- Cost to the State and school districts.
- Alignment with the Iowa core academic standards.
- Compliance with federal law (Every Student Succeeds Act – ESSA).

The Bill requires that the Department implement the selected assessment through administrative rule before the 2018-2019 school year.

**Fiscal Impact:** The fiscal impact of this Bill is dependent upon which assessment the Department of Education finds best meets the requirements. **Table 1** shows some of the possible outcomes; it is not currently known whether funds will be made available at the State level to purchase the assessment. This is not an exhaustive list, but it offers some possible estimates of statewide assessment cost. More information will be available after the RFP process is complete.

**Table 1 – Estimated Cost of Statewide Assessment**

	Estimated Cost of Assessment Per Student	Estimated Cost of Additional Assessments	FY 2019 Estimated Number of Students Assessed in Statewide Assessment	FY 2019 Estimated Cost of Statewide Assessment	FY 2019 Estimated Cost of All Required Assessments
<b>Smarter Balanced Assessment</b>	\$ 27.30	\$ 16.00	332,429	\$ 9,075,312	\$ 10,839,536
		<i>Science</i>			
<b>Iowa Assessments (Next Gen)</b>	\$ 8.00	\$ 14.00	332,429	\$ 2,659,432	\$ 7,313,438
<i>Local scoring</i>		<i>Second Assessment</i>			
<b>Iowa Assessments (Next Gen)</b>	\$ 15.00	\$ 14.00	332,429	\$ 4,986,435	\$ 9,640,441
<i>Central scoring</i>		<i>Second Assessment</i>			
<b>ACT Aspire*</b>	\$ 26.00	\$ 14.00	332,429	\$ 8,643,154	\$ 13,297,160
		<i>Second Assessment</i>			

\* ACT Aspire cost per student is based on a quote given to the Department of Education in fall 2016.

**Enactment Date:** SF 240 was approved by the General Assembly on April 10, 2017.

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