Fiscal Note

Fiscal Services Division

HF 2244 – High School Social Studies Curricula, Government (LSB5664HV)
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Description

House File 2244 amends offer and teach requirements related to social studies instruction for school districts, charter schools, innovation zone schools, and nonpublic schools to include U.S. government and civics instruction. The Bill applies to school years beginning on or after July 1, 2028 (FY 2029).

Background

Offer and teach means that the school or school district must make students aware of the offering, employ an appropriately licensed teacher to teach the course, and have the appropriately licensed teacher instruct the students. Licensure requirements are set by the Iowa Board of Educational Examiners.

The Department of Education (DE) recently adopted new Iowa academic standards for social studies. The newly adopted standards include teaching U.S. history and civics in grade eight, but not in grade seven. Civics and government are included in the standards for grades 9 through 12.

The Iowa Teacher Shortage Report showed there were seven unfilled social studies teacher positions for the 2026-2027 school year.

Assumptions

- There will be no additional administrative cost to the DE to implement the requirements of the Bill.
- Based on the Iowa Teacher Shortage Report, there is adequate staffing to meet the requirements of the Bill.
- Curriculum for grades 8 and 9 through 12 are already available and in use.

Fiscal Impact

House File 2244 is expected to have no fiscal impact to the State. Schools may need to purchase additional curriculum materials to meet the expansion of civics and U.S. government into grade seven, but that cost cannot be determined.

Source

Iowa Department of Education

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