



HF 582 – Iowa Core and Student Data (LSB1539HV)

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Fiscal Note Version – New

Description

House File 582 relates to the core curriculum and core content standards adopted by the State Board of Education, assessments of student progress, and the collection of and access to student data. Specifically, this Bill:

- Continues to direct the State Board to adopt academic and assessment standards, but changes the terms used to describe the standards. This Bill replaces the terms “core curriculum,” “Iowa core curriculum,” and “Iowa common core,” that were used to describe the academic standards adopted by the State Board, with the term “Iowa academic standards.”
- Allows school districts to administer assessments to measure student academic progress, in addition to the Department of Education (DE) approved district-wide assessment of the core academic indicators in mathematics, reading, and science.
- Replaces the term “core content standards,” used to describe the assessment standards adopted by the State Board, with the term “assessment standards.” The assessment standards remain applicable to all students in kindergarten through grade 12 in every school district and accredited nonpublic school.
- Adds legislative intent stating that the selection and implementation of curriculum, textbooks, educational materials, and instructional methods remain with the school districts, and not with the State or federal government.
- Requires the Director of the DE to maintain an Internet site for access of up-to-date information regarding the Iowa academic standards and the assessment standards. Periodically, beginning January 1, 2016, the State Board must review, accept public comments regarding, and revise as necessary, the Iowa academic standards and the assessment standards.
- Requires the Director of the DE to submit an annual report to the General Assembly by January 15 regarding the activities, findings, and student progress under the Iowa academic standards and the assessment standards. The annual report must include the DE findings and recommendations including any proposal to amend or modify the Iowa academic standards and the assessment standards. The Director is prohibited from implementing revisions or modifications to the Iowa academic standards or to the assessment standards adopted by the State Board until the annual report is submitted to the General Assembly or until after the Director presents the proposed changes to the General Assembly’s standing committees on education.
- Requires the DE to establish data collection, data privacy, and data sharing policies for student data collected by the DE, school districts, and accredited nonpublic schools. The DE must annually conduct an inventory of and categorize the data collected regarding students, including the purpose the data is collected, and report to the General Assembly annually beginning November 1, 2015. The DE must also create a detailed student data security plan that includes privacy compliance standards, a data breach plan, data retention or destruction plans, and guidelines for authorizing parental access to student data.

- Requires the DE to maintain a policy relating to the sharing, security, and confidentiality of student data in compliance with the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, [20 U.S.C. §1232g](#).
- Requires the DE to notify the Governor and the General Assembly annually of changes to existing student data collections maintained by the DE that are required for any reason, including changes in federal reporting requirements.
- Amends provisions directing school districts to cooperate with each eighth grade student on a core curriculum plan to meet core curriculum requirements by replacing “core curriculum plan” with “graduation plan” and “core curriculum” with “high school graduation requirements.”
- Requires the DE to initiate a process to obtain public input regarding the Iowa academic standards and assessment standards. The process must identify opportunities to strengthen the Iowa academic standards and assessment standards and do the following:
 - Receive public comments on the Internet site regarding the Iowa academic standards and assessment standards.
 - Hold at least three public hearings in three geographically diverse venues in Iowa.
 - Include information regarding the time, place, and manner for persons to participate in a public hearing regarding the Iowa academic standards and assessment standards.
 - Provide public notice of any actions taken by the State Board to strengthen, amend, or modify the Iowa academic standards and assessment standards following the public hearings.
 - Submit a report summarizing the DE activities, findings, and recommendations to the State Board, the Governor, and the General Assembly by February 1, 2016.

Assumptions

- Consultant costs per day are \$450.
- Adding the function on the Internet site to receive public comments regarding the Iowa academic standards and assessment standards will result in \$10,000 in one-time costs.
- Holding three public hearings in three geographically diverse venues will cost \$5,000 each for a total of \$15,000 in the first year.
- Creating a detailed student data security plan that includes privacy compliance standards, a data breach plan, data retention or destruction plans, and guidelines for authorizing parental access to student data will require a work team of 15 stakeholders and outside facility for 10 days at a cost of \$24,000 in the first year.

Fiscal Impact

This Bill will result in the following estimated costs to the General Fund for FY 2016 and FY 2017:

HF 582 - Estimated General Fund Cost

	FY 2016	FY 2017
Adding public comments to website	\$ 10,000	\$ 0
Maintaining Internet site	5,400	5,400
Three public hearings	15,000	0
Monitoring and analysis of public comments	5,400	5,400
Report summarizing DE activities, findings, and student progress	2,250	2,250
Establishing data collection, data privacy, and data sharing policies	4,500	4,500
Creating a detailed student data security plan	24,000	0
Inventory and categorizing data collected by the DE	4,500	4,500
Total:	\$ 71,050	\$ 22,050

Source

Iowa Department of Education

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The fiscal note for this bill was prepared pursuant to [Joint Rule 17](#) and the Iowa Code. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Fiscal Services Division of the Legislative Services Agency upon request.
