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April 11, 2003

The Honorable Chester Culver  
Secretary of State  
State Capitol Building  
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

**House File 180**, an Act relating to character education and service learning in Iowa's elementary and secondary schools.

The above House File is hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

  
Thomas J. Vilsack  
Governor

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cc: Secretary of the Senate  
Chief Clerk of the House





HOUSE FILE 180

AN ACT

RELATING TO CHARACTER EDUCATION AND SERVICE LEARNING IN  
IOWA'S ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 256.18A SERVICE LEARNING.


The board of directors of a school district or the authorities in charge of a nonpublic school may require a certain number of service learning units as a condition for the inclusion of a service learning endorsement on a student's diploma or as a condition of graduation from the district or school. For purposes of this paragraph, "service learning" means a method of teaching and learning which engages students in solving problems and addressing issues in their school or greater community as part of the academic curriculum.

Sec. 2. Section 280.12, Code 2003, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 3. Consider recommendations from the school improvement advisory committee to infuse character education into the educational program.



CHRISTOPHER C. RANTS  
Speaker of the House



MARY E. KRAMER  
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 180, Eightieth General Assembly.



MARGARET THOMSON  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved April 11, 2003



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