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April 9, 2009

The Honorable Michael Mauro
Secretary of State
State Capitol Building
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

House File 687, an Act relating to certain reporting requirements or actions required of the department of education, school districts, accredited nonpublic schools, and community colleges.

The above House File is hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chester J. Culver", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Chester J. Culver
Governor

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cc: Secretary of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House





HOUSE FILE 687

AN ACT

RELATING TO CERTAIN REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OR ACTIONS REQUIRED OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICTS, ACCREDITED NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

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

Section 1. Section 256.7, subsection 21, paragraph c, Code 2009, is amended to read as follows:

c. A requirement that all school districts and accredited nonpublic schools annually report to the department and the local community the district-wide progress made in attaining student achievement goals on the academic and other core indicators and the district-wide progress made in attaining locally established student learning goals. The school districts and accredited nonpublic schools shall demonstrate the use of multiple assessment measures in determining student achievement levels. The school districts and accredited nonpublic schools shall also report the number of students who graduate~~7-utilizing-the-definition-of-graduation-rate specified-by-the-national-governors-association~~; the number of students who drop out of school; ~~the-number-of-students pursuing-a-high-school-equivalency-diploma-pursuant-to-chapter 259A7-the-number-of-students-who-were-enrolled-in-the-district within-the-past-five-years-and-who-received-a-high-school equivalency-diploma7-the-percentage-of-students-who-receive-a high-school-diploma-and-who-were-not-proficient-in-reading7 mathematics7-and-science-in-grade-eleven7-the-number-of students-in-the-prior-year-who-were-enrolled-as-high-school juniors-who-are-within-four-units-of-meeting-the-district's graduation-requirements7~~ the number of students who are tested

and the percentage of students who are so tested annually; and the percentage of students who graduated during the prior school year and who completed a core curriculum. The board shall develop and adopt uniform definitions consistent with the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Pub. L. No. 107-110 and any federal regulations adopted pursuant to the federal Act. The school districts and accredited nonpublic schools may report on other locally determined factors influencing student achievement. The school districts and accredited nonpublic schools shall also report to the local community their results by individual attendance center.

Sec. 2. Section 256.9, subsections 24, 28, and 43, Code 2009, are amended by striking the subsections.

Sec. 3. Section 256.18, subsection 3, Code 2009, is amended by striking the subsection.

Sec. 4. Section 256D.1, subsection 1, paragraph b, subparagraph (1), Code 2009, is amended to read as follows:

(1) A school district shall at a minimum biannually inform parents of their individual child's performance on the diagnostic assessments in kindergarten through grade three. If intervention is appropriate, the school district shall inform the parents of the actions the school district intends to take to improve the child's reading skills and provide the parents with strategies to enable the parents to improve their child's skills. ~~If the diagnostic assessments administered in accordance with this subsection indicate that a child is reading below grade level, the school district shall submit a report of the assessment results to the parent, which the parent shall sign and return to the school district. If the parent does not sign or return the report, the school district shall note in the student's record the inaction on the part of the parent.~~ The board of directors of each school district shall adopt a policy indicating the methods the school district will use to inform parents of their individual child's performance.

Sec. 5. Section 257.30, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2009, is amended to read as follows:

A school budget review committee is established in the department of education and consists of the director of the department of education, the director of the department of

management, and three members who are knowledgeable in the areas of Iowa school finance or public finance issues appointed by the governor to represent the public. At least one of the public members shall possess a master's or doctoral degree in which areas of school finance, economics, or statistics are an integral component, or shall have equivalent experience in an executive administrative or senior research position in the education or public administration field. The members appointed by the governor shall serve staggered three-year terms beginning and ending as provided in section 69.19 and are subject to senate confirmation as provided in section 2.32. The committee shall meet and hold hearings each year and shall continue in session until it has reviewed budgets of school districts, as provided in section 257.31. ~~It~~ The committee may call in school board members and employees as necessary for the hearings. The committee's scheduled hearing agendas and the minutes of such hearings shall be posted on the department of education's internet website. Legislators shall be notified of hearings concerning school districts in their ~~constituencies~~ legislative districts.

Sec. 6. Section 257.31, subsection 2, Code 2009, is amended to read as follows:

2. The committee shall ~~report-to-each-session-of-the general-assembly, which report shall include any recommended changes in laws relating to school districts, and shall~~ specify the number of hearings held annually, the reasons for the committee's recommendations, information about the amounts of property tax levied by school districts for a cash reserve, and other information the committee deems advisable on the department of education's internet website.

Sec. 7. Section 260C.14, subsection 21, Code 2009, is amended by striking the subsection.

Sec. 8. Section 279.56, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2009, is amended to read as follows:

If funds are appropriated by the general assembly, the board of directors of a school district may obtain permission to participate in the teacher exchange program by making application in writing to the department of education, on forms provided by the department, by November 1 of the school

year preceding the year that the district wishes to participate. Each district participating in the program shall prescribe standards and procedures explaining the district's expectations and requirements for each participating teacher. The district's standards and procedures shall also prescribe the method and form by which teachers within the district may apply to the board for permission to participate in the program. Each participating district shall continue to compensate the program participant at the same rate that the participant would be compensated if the participant had continued the participant's instructional or other duties within the home district. Each participating district shall report to the department the number and performance of exchange teachers from other districts that are included in the district's instructional staff during the relevant periods during the school year. ~~The department shall summarize the information and include it in the report submitted under section 256.97, subsection 28.~~

Sec. 9. Section 279.63, subsection 3, Code 2009, is amended to read as follows:

3. Copies of a school district's financial report for the previous school year shall be posted on an internet website maintained by the school district ~~at the beginning~~ by January 1 of the each school year. If the school district does not maintain or develop a an internet website, the school district shall either distribute or post written copies of the financial report at specified locations throughout the school district.

Sec. 10. Section 282.24, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraphs 2 and 3, Code 2009, are amended to read as follows:

A school corporation which owns facilities used as attendance centers for students shall maintain an itemized statement of the appraised value of all buildings owned by the school corporation. ~~Beginning July 1, 1976, the~~ The appraisal shall be updated at least ~~one time~~ once every five years.

~~The director of the department of education shall, after July 1 but before September 1 of each year, notify every school in the state, affected by this section, what the computed maximum tuition rate shall be for the ensuing year.~~

Sec. 11. Section 298.6, Code 2009, is amended to read as follows:

298.6 PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF OUTSTANDING LEVIES.

The board of directors of a school district shall, prior to certifying any levy by board approval, or submitting a levy for voter approval, facilitate public access to a complete listing of all outstanding levies within the school district by rate, amount, duration, and the applicable maximum levy limitations. The information relating to outstanding levies shall be posted on an internet website maintained by the school district ~~at-the-beginning~~ by January 1 of the each school year, and updated prior to board approval or submission for voter approval of any levy during the school year. If the school district does not maintain or develop ~~a~~ an internet website, the school district shall either distribute or post written copies of the listing at specified locations throughout the school district.

Sec. 12. Section 301.28, Code 2009, is amended to read as follows:

301.28 OFFICERS AND TEACHERS AS AGENTS FOR BOOKS AND SUPPLIES -- PENALTY.

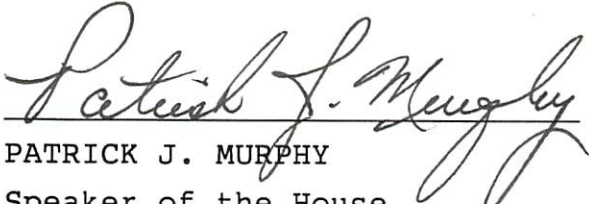
1. ~~It shall be unlawful for any~~ A school director, officer, ~~area-education-director~~ or teacher ~~to~~ shall not act as agent for any school textbooks or school supplies, including sports apparel or equipment, in any transaction with a director, officer, or other staff member of the school district during such term of office or employment, and any.


2. An area education agency director, officer, or teacher shall not act as an agent for school textbooks or school supplies, including sports apparel or equipment, in any transaction with a director, officer, or other staff member of the area education agency or any school district located within the area education agency during such time of office or employment.

3. A school district or area education agency director, officer, ~~area-education-director~~ or teacher, who ~~shall act~~ acts as agent or dealer in school textbooks or school supplies, during the person's term of ~~such~~ office or employment, in violation of this section shall be deemed guilty of a serious misdemeanor.


Sec. 13. Section 669.14, subsection 14, Code 2009, is amended by striking the subsection.

Sec. 14. Sections 258.13, 279.14A, and 299.16, Code 2009, are repealed.

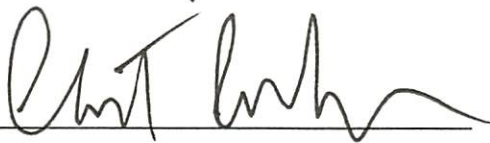

PATRICK J. MURPHY
Speaker of the House


JOHN P. KIBBIE
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 687, Eighty-third General Assembly.


MARK BRANDSGARD
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved April 9th, 2009


CHESTER J. CULVER
Governor