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The Honorable Matt Schultz
Secretary of State of Iowa
State Capitol
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit House File 645, an Act relating to the funding of, the operation of, and appropriation of moneys to the College Student Aid Commission, the Department for the Blind, the Department of Education, and the state Board of Regents, and providing for related matters and for effective date, applicability provisions and retroactive applicability provisions.

House File 645 is approved on this date with the following exceptions, which I hereby disapprove.

I am unable to approve of the items designated as Sections 90, 91 and 92, in their entirety. These items comprise Division V which would impose additional requirements on local, state, regional, or national organizations which relate to the functions of the board of directors of a school district, or to the administrators of a school district and to which a school board pays monetary fees for products or services or annual dues to the organization. I support transparency and accountability for how taxpayer dollars are spent. However, this language is overly broad, lacks clarity, and may have unintended consequences. I am concerned this language will not operate in practice in the way it may have been intended. The language in Division V is overly inclusive and could encompass privately owned, for-profit companies that sell goods or services to a school district.

For the above reasons, I respectfully disapprove the designated items in accordance with Amendment IV of the Amendments of 1968 to the Constitution of the State of Iowa. All other items in House File 645 are hereby approved as of this date.

Sincerely,


TERRY E. BRANSTAD
Governor