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Placed on Calendar.

House File 231
By COMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONS
OF HIGHER LEARNING.

Passed House, Date.....2-1-61 Passed Senate, Date.....2-15-61
Vote: Ayes.....101 Nays.....6 Vote: Ayes.....41 Nays.....6
Approved.....2-17-61

A BILL FOR

An Act relating to the education program of the Iowa State Teachers College and to amend sections two hundred sixty-eight point one (268.1) and two hundred sixty-eight point two (268.2), Code 1958.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 Section 1. Section two hundred sixty-eight point one
2 (268.1), Code 1958, is hereby amended by striking from line
3 one (1) thereof the word, "normal" and substituting therefor
4 the word "state", and by striking from lines two (2) and
5 three (3) thereof the words, ", for the special instruction
6 and training of teachers for the common schools,".

1 Sec. 2. Section two hundred sixty-eight point two (268.2),
2 Code 1958, is hereby amended by striking the entire section
3 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

4 "The primary responsibility of the college shall be the
5 preparation of teachers and other educational personnel for
6 schools, colleges, and universities, and the provision of
7 consultative and other services, including experimentation
8 with instructional content, method, and materials, for the
9 improvement of the educational programs of schools of the
10 state.

11 "The college may also offer programs of instruction in
12 the liberal and vocational arts and such other educational

13 programs as the state board of regents may from time to
14 time approve.”

EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 231

The Teachers College now offers courses in all the liberal arts fields but its degree programs are restricted to teachers only. The college can render greater service to the state and help meet the coming enrollment bulge if its offerings are made more readily available to students who do not intend to teach as well as to those who do. College officials believe this action will contribute greatly to their ability to maintain strong teacher education programs in the future by enabling them to attract stronger staff and students to the liberal arts departments which are a vital part of teacher education. This bill would define teacher education as the primary responsibility of the college and permit the offering of programs in the liberal and vocational arts and other educational programs as approved by the State Board of Regents.