

S. 52 3/2 To page 4/1

HOUSE FILE 254

Education  
Scott, Chairperson  
Shaw  
Slater

3 23 1977

HOUSE FILE 254

BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(Formerly Study Bill 9)

Place On Calendar

Passed House, Date 3-1-77 (p.537) Passed Senate, Date 4-5-77 (p.929)

Vote: Ayes 76 Nays 19 Vote: Ayes 46 Nays 0

Approved May 13, 1977

*Repassed House for Senate amendment  
4-14-77 (p.1353)  
72-14*

## A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act to require inclusion of achievements of women,
- 2 minorities, and others in total school program and
- 3 to require English-language arts.

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

5  
6  
7

### FISCAL NOTE HOUSE FILE 254

Date Prepared February 28, 1977

Requested by Representative Schroeder

Prepared in regard to H.F. 254, An Act to require inclusion of achievements of women, minorities, and others in total school program and to require English-language arts. Following is the fiscal effect in dollars of the legislative proposal as required by Joint Rule 16:

H.F. 254 extends the requirement of teaching with a multi-cultural, nonsexist approach from only the social studies area to the entire school program and includes teaching about organizations and groups of persons who may have been overlooked. It also changes the term language arts to English-language arts.

H.F. 254 will have no fiscal effect.

Source: Department of Public Instruction

FILED

FEBRUARY 28, 1977

GERRY D. RANKIN

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL BUREAU

23

24

25

454

1 Section 1. Section two hundred fifty-seven point twenty-  
2 five (257.25), unnumbered paragraph one (1), Code 1977, is  
3 amended to read as follows:

4 In addition to the responsibilities of the state board  
5 of public instruction and the state superintendent of public  
6 instruction under other provisions of the Code, the state  
7 board of public instruction shall, except as otherwise pro-  
8 vided in this section, establish standards for approving all  
9 public and nonpublic schools in Iowa offering instruction  
10 at any or all levels from the prekindergarten level through  
11 grade twelve. A nonpublic school which offers only a pre-  
12 kindergarten program may, but shall not be required to, seek  
13 and obtain approval under this chapter. A list of approved  
14 schools shall be maintained by the department of public in-  
15 struction. Where feasible, the educational program shall  
16 be taught with attention given to all persons, and a posi-  
17 tive effort shall be made to reflect the achievements of  
18 women, minorities, and any other persons, organizations, or  
19 groups of persons who, in the past, may have been overlooked  
20 by reason of race, sex, religion, physical disability,  
21 occupation, or ethnic background. The approval standards  
22 established by the state board shall delineate and be based  
23 upon the educational program described below:

24 Sec. 2. Section two hundred fifty-seven point twenty-  
25 five (257.25), subsections three (3) and four (4), Code 1977,  
26 are amended to read as follows:

27 3. The following areas shall be taught in the grades one  
28 through six: Language English-language arts, including  
29 reading, handwriting, spelling, oral and written English,  
30 and literature; social studies, including geography, history  
31 of the United States and Iowa ~~with-attention-given-to-the~~  
32 ~~role-in-history-played-by-all-persons, and a positive effort~~  
33 ~~shall-be-made-to-reflect-the-achievements-of-women, minorities~~  
34 ~~and-any-others-who, in the past, may have been ignored or~~  
35 ~~overlooked-by-reason-of-race, sex, religion, physical dis-~~

1 ~~ability-or-ethnie-baekground~~, cultures of other peoples and  
 2 nations, and American citizenship, including the study of  
 3 national, state and local government in the United States;  
 4 mathematics; science, including conservation of natural re-  
 5 sources and environmental awareness; health and physical edu-  
 6 cation, including the effects of alcohol, tobacco, drugs and  
 7 poisons on the human body; the characteristics of communica-  
 8 ble diseases; traffic safety, including pedestrian and bi-  
 9 cycle safety procedures; music; and art.

10 4. The following shall be taught in grades seven and eight  
 11 as a minimum program: Science, including conservation of  
 12 natural resources and environmental awareness; mathematics;  
 13 social studies; ~~with-attention-given-to-the-role-in-history~~  
 14 ~~played-by-all-persons7-and-a-positive-effort-shall-be-made~~  
 15 ~~to-reflect-the-achievements-of-women7-minorities-and-any~~  
 16 ~~others-who7-in-the-past7-may-have-been-ignored-or-overlooked~~  
 17 ~~by-reason-of-race7-sex7-religion7-physical-disability-or~~  
 18 ~~ethnie-baekground7~~ cultures of other peoples and nations,  
 19 and American citizenship; ~~language~~ English-language arts which  
 20 shall include reading, spelling, grammar, oral and written  
 21 composition, and may include other communication subjects;  
 22 health and physical education, including the effects of  
 23 alcohol, tobacco, drugs and poisons on the human body, the  
 24 characteristics of communicable diseases, including venereal  
 25 diseases and current crucial health issues; music; and art.

26 Sec. 3. Section two hundred fifty-seven point twenty-five  
 27 (257.25), subsection six (6), paragraphs b and c, Code 1977,  
 28 are amended to read as follows:

29 b. Four units of the social studies. American history,  
 30 American government, government and cultures of other peoples  
 31 and nations, and general consumer education, family law, and  
 32 economics, including comparative and consumer economics, shall  
 33 be taught in the units but need not be required as full units.  
 34 All students shall be required to take one unit of American  
 35 history ~~which-shall-give-attention-to-the-roie-in-history~~

1 played-by-all-persons,-and-a-positive-effort-shall-be-made  
2 to-reflect-the-achievements-of-women,-minorities-and-any  
3 others-who,-in-the-past,-may-have-been-ignored-or-overlooked  
4 by-reason-of-race,-sex,-religion,-physical-disability-or  
5 ethnic-background and one-half unit of the governments of  
6 Iowa and the United States, including instruction in voting  
7 statutes and procedures, voter registration requirements,  
8 the use of paper ballots and voting machines in the election  
9 process, and the method of acquiring and casting an absentee  
10 ballot.

11 The county auditor, upon request and at a site chosen by  
12 him, shall make available to school within the county voting  
13 machines or sample ballots that are generally used within  
14 the county, at such times that these machines or sample bal-  
15 lots are not in use for their recognized purpose.

16 c. Four units of ~~English-including-language-arts~~ English-  
17 language arts.

18 EXPLANATION

19 This bill extends the requirement of teaching with a multi-  
20 cultural, nonsexist approach from only the social studies  
21 area to the entire school program and includes teaching about  
22 organizations and groups of persons who may have been over-  
23 looked. It also changes the term language arts to English-  
24 language arts.

25  
26  
27  
28  
29  
30  
31  
32  
33  
34  
35

LSB 656H  
db/rh/8A

H-3092

- 1 Amend House File 254 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 2, line 35, by adding after the word
- 3 history "one-half unit of economics with emphasis
- 4 on the operation of our private enterprise system".

H-3092 FILED - *Referred to committee* BY WELDEN of Hardin  
FEBRUARY 25, 1977 *2/25 (539)* WULFF of Blackhawk

H-3094

- 1 Amend House File 254 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 1, line 15, by striking the following:
- 3 "Where feasible, the" and inserting in lieu
- 4 thereof the following "The".

H-3094 FILED - *Lost 2/1 (539)* BY KOOGLER of Mahaska  
FEBRUARY 28, 1977 THOMPSON of Polk  
PATCHETT of Johnson  
MILLER of Calhoun

H-3107

- 1 Amend House File 254 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 1, line 15, by striking the following:
- 3 "Where feasible" and inserting in lieu thereof the
- 4 following: "When applicable".

H-3107 FILED, ADOPTED (538) BY KOOGLER of Mahaska  
MARCH 1, 1977 THOMPSON of Polk  
PATCHETT of Johnson  
MILLER of Calhoun

H-3108

- 1 Amend House File 254 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 1, line 16, by inserting after the
- 3 word "persons" the words "who have made signifi-
- 4 cant contributions to a given area of study".

H-3108 FILED, ADOPTED (p. 539) BY TAUKE of Dubuque  
MARCH 1, 1977

SENATE AMENDMENT TO  
HOUSE FILE 254

H-3551

- 1 Amend House File 254, as amended and passed by
- 2 the House as follows:
- 3 1. Page 1, line 15, by inserting after the
- 4 word "instruction." the following:
- 5 "The state board shall promulgate rules to require
- 6 that a multi-cultural non-sexist approach is used by school
- 7 districts."
- 8 2. Page 1, line 15, by striking the words "When
- 9 applicable, the" and inserting in lieu thereof the
- 10 word "The".
- 11 3. Page 1, by striking lines 16 through 22 and
- 12 inserting in lieu thereof the words "be taught from
- 13 a multi-cultural, non-sexist approach. The approval
- 14 standards".

H-3551 FILED  
RECEIVED FROM SENATE  
APRIL 7, 1977

*Same occurred 4/14 (p. 1252)*

S-3291

HOUSE FILE 254

- 1 Amend House File 254, as amended and passed by  
2 the House, as follows:  
3 1. Page 1, line 15, by striking the words "When  
4 applicable, the" and inserting in lieu thereof the  
5 word "The".  
6 2. Page 1, by striking lines 16 and 17 and  
7 inserting in lieu thereof the words "be taught from  
8 a multi-cultural, non-sexist approach, and a".

S-3291 FILED & ADOPTED *as amended* BY JOHN R. SCOTT  
APRIL 5, 1977 *by 3294 4/5 (p. 926)* LUCAS DE KOSTER  
MINNETTE DODERER

S-3294

- 1 Amend the Scott, et al amendment, S-3291, to  
2 House File 254, as amended and passed by the House,  
3 as follows:  
4 1. Page 1, by striking lines 6 through 8 and  
5 inserting in lieu thereof the following:  
6 "2. Page 1, by striking lines 16 through 22 and  
7 inserting in lieu thereof the words "be taught from  
8 a multi-cultural, nonsexist approach. The approval  
9 standards"."

S-3294 FILED & ADOPTED (p. 925) BY ELIZABETH SHAW  
APRIL 5, 1977

S-3296

- 1 Amend the Scott et al amendment, S-3291, to House File  
2 254, as amended and passed by the House as follows:  
3 1. By inserting after line 8 the following:  
4 " . Page 1, line 22, by inserting after the  
5 word "background." the words "The state board shall  
6 promulgate rules to require that a multi-cultural  
7 non-sexist approach is used by school districts."

S-3296 FILED BY MINNETTE DODERER  
APRIL 5, 1977

RULED OUT OF ORDER (p. 926)

S-3297

- 1 Amend the Scott et al amendment, S-3291, to House  
2 File 254, as amended and passed by the House as follows:  
3 1. By inserting after line 8 the following:  
4 " . Page 1, line 22, by inserting before the  
5 word "The" the following: "The state board shall  
6 promulgate rules to require that a multi-cultural  
7 non-sexist approach is used by school districts."."

S-3297 FILED BY MINNETTE DODERER  
APRIL 5, 1977  
RULED OUT OF ORDER (p. 926)

S-3298

1 Amend House File 254, as amended and passed by  
2 the House as follows:  
3 1. Page 1, line 15, by inserting after the  
4 word "instruction." the following:  
5 "The state board shall promulgate rules to require  
6 that a multi-cultural non-sexist approach is used by school  
7 districts."."

S-3298 FILED & ADOPTED (p. 928) BY MINNETTE DODERER  
APRIL 5, 1977

S-3299

1 Amend House File 254, as amended and passed by  
2 the House, as follows:  
3 1. Page 3, by inserting after line 18 the  
4 following:  
5 "Sec. \_\_\_\_ Section two hundred fifty-seven  
6 point twenty-five (257.25), subsection six (6),  
7 Code 1977, is amended by striking paragraph f."

S-3299 FILED BY RICHARD R. RAMSEY  
APRIL 5, 1977  
RULED OUT OF ORDER (p. 924)

## AN ACT

TO REQUIRE INCLUSION OF ACHIEVEMENTS OF WOMEN, MINORITIES,  
AND OTHERS IN TOTAL SCHOOL PROGRAM AND TO REQUIRE ENGLISH-  
LANGUAGE ARTS.

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

Section 1. Section two hundred fifty-seven point twenty-five (257.25), unnumbered paragraph one (1), Code 1977, is amended to read as follows:

In addition to the responsibilities of the state board of public instruction and the state superintendent of public instruction under other provisions of the Code, the state board of public instruction shall, except as otherwise provided in this section, establish standards for approving all public and nonpublic schools in Iowa offering instruction at any or all levels from the prekindergarten level through grade twelve. A nonpublic school which offers only a pre-kindergarten program may, but shall not be required to, seek and obtain approval under this chapter. A list of approved schools shall be maintained by the department of public instruction. The state board shall promulgate rules to require that a multi-cultural non-sexist approach is used by school districts. The educational program shall be taught from a multi-cultural, non-sexist approach. The approval standards established by the state board shall delineate and be based upon the educational program described below:

Sec. 2. Section two hundred fifty-seven point twenty-five (257.25), subsections three (3) and four (4), Code 1977, are amended to read as follows:

3. The following areas shall be taught in the grades one through six: ~~language~~ English-language arts, including reading, handwriting, spelling, oral and written English, and literature; social studies, including geography, history of the United States and Iowa ~~with-attention-given-to-the~~

~~role-in-history-played-by-all-persons,-and-a-positive-effort shall-be-made-to-reflect-the-achievements-of-women,-minorities and-any-others-who,-in-the-past,-may-have-been-ignored-or overlooked-by-reason-of-race,-sex,-religion,-physical-disability-or-ethnic-background,~~ cultures of other peoples and nations, and American citizenship, including the study of national, state and local government in the United States; mathematics; science, including conservation of natural resources and environmental awareness; health and physical education, including the effects of alcohol, tobacco, drugs and poisons on the human body; the characteristics of communicable diseases; traffic safety, including pedestrian and bicycle safety procedures; music; and art.

4. The following shall be taught in grades seven and eight as a minimum program: Science, including conservation of natural resources and environmental awareness; mathematics; social studies; ~~with-attention-given-to-the-role-in-history played-by-all-persons,-and-a-positive-effort-shall-be-made to-reflect-the-achievements-of-women,-minorities-and-any others-who,-in-the-past,-may-have-been-ignored-or-overlooked by-reason-of-race,-sex,-religion,-physical-disability-or ethnic-background,~~ cultures of other peoples and nations, and American citizenship; ~~language~~ English-language arts which shall include reading, spelling, grammar, oral and written composition, and may include other communication subjects; health and physical education, including the effects of alcohol, tobacco, drugs and poisons on the human body, the characteristics of communicable diseases, including venereal diseases and current crucial health issues; music; and art.

Sec. 3. Section two hundred fifty-seven point twenty-five (257.25), subsection six (6), paragraphs b and c, Code 1977, are amended to read as follows:

b. Four units of the social studies. American history, American government, government and cultures of other peoples and nations, and general consumer education, family law, and economics, including comparative and consumer economics, shall be taught in the units but need not be required as full units.

All students shall be required to take one unit of American history which shall give attention to the role in history played by all persons, and a positive effort shall be made to reflect the achievements of women, minorities and any others who, in the past, may have been ignored or overlooked by reason of race, sex, religion, physical disability or ethnic background and one-half unit of the governments of Iowa and the United States, including instruction in voting statutes and procedures, voter registration requirements, the use of paper ballots and voting machines in the election process, and the method of acquiring and casting an absentee ballot.

The county auditor, upon request and at a site chosen by him, shall make available to schools within the county voting machines or sample ballots that are generally used within the county, at such times that these machines or sample ballots are not in use for their recognized purpose.

c. ~~Four units of English-including-language-arts~~ English-language arts.

---

DALE M. COCHRAN  
Speaker of the House

---

ARTHUR A. NEU  
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 254, Sixty-seventh General Assembly.

---

DAVID L. WRAY  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved May 13, 1977

---

ROBERT D. RAY  
Governor