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HOUSE FILE 2425

By COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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Vote: Ayes 75 Nays 22 Vote: Ayes 41 Nays 12

Approved May 20 1980

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80-12*

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the educational requirements of schools,
 2 by requiring that high school science courses teach about
 3 energy conservation and environmental awareness and by
 4 providing for a waiver of physical education requirements
 5 for certain students and a waiver of foreign language
 6 requirements under certain conditions.

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

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H-5197

- 1 Amend House File 2425 as follows:
 2 1. Page 1, line 31, by striking the letter "a,".
 3 2. Page 1, by striking lines 33 through 35.
 4 3. Page 2, by striking line 1.

H-5197 FILED 2/11/80 (582) By PERKINS of Greene
FEBRUARY 11, 1980 DAGGETT of Taylor

1 Section 1. Section two hundred fifty-seven point twenty-
2 five (257.25), subsections three (3) and four (4), Code 1979,
3 are amended to read as follows:

4 3. The following areas shall be taught in the grades one
5 through six: English-language arts, including reading,
6 handwriting, spelling, oral and written English, and
7 literature; social studies, including geography, history of
8 the United States and Iowa, cultures of other peoples and
9 nations, and American citizenship, including the study of
10 national, state and local government in the United States;
11 mathematics; science, including environmental awareness and
12 conservation of natural resources and-environmental-awareness;
13 health and physical education, including the effects of
14 alcohol, tobacco, drugs and poisons on the human body; the
15 characteristics of communicable diseases; traffic safety,
16 including pedestrian and bicycle safety procedures; music;
17 and art.

18 4. The following shall be taught in grades seven and eight
19 as a minimum program: Science, including environmental
20 awareness and conservation of natural resources and
21 environmental-awareness; mathematics; social studies; cultures
22 of other peoples and nations, and American citizenship;
23 English-language arts which shall include reading, spelling,
24 grammar, oral and written composition, and may include other
25 communication subjects; health and physical education,
26 including the effects of alcohol, tobacco, drugs and poisons
27 on the human body, the characteristics of communicable
28 diseases, including venereal diseases and current crucial
29 health issues; music; and art.

30 Sec. 2. Section two hundred fifty-seven point twenty-five
31 (257.25), subsection six (6), paragraphs a, f and g, Code
32 1979, are amended to read as follows:

33 a. Four units of science including physics and chemistry;
34 the units of physics and chemistry may be taught in alternate
35 years. The units of science shall include instruction in

1 environmental awareness and conservation of natural resources.

2 f. Two units of one foreign language; the units of foreign
3 language may be taught in alternate years, provided there
4 is no break in the progression of instruction from one year
5 to the next. However, the department may waive on an annual
6 basis the foreign language requirement upon the request of
7 the board of directors of a school district or the authorities
8 in charge of a nonpublic school if the board or authorities
9 are able to prove that a certificated teacher was employed
10 and assigned a schedule that would have allowed students to
11 enroll in a foreign language class, the foreign language class
12 was properly scheduled, students were aware that a foreign
13 language class was scheduled and no students enrolled in the
14 class.

15 g. All students physically able shall be required to
16 participate in physical education activities during each
17 semester a student is enrolled in school except as otherwise
18 provided in this paragraph. A minimum of one-eighth unit
19 each semester shall be required, except that any ~~pupit~~ student
20 participating in an organized and supervised high school
21 athletic program which requires at least as much time of
22 participation per week as one-eighth unit may be excused from
23 the physical education course during the time of his or her
24 participation in the athletic program. In addition, a twelfth
25 grade student who is enrolled in a cooperative or work-study
26 program may be excused from the physical education requirement
27 by the principal of the school in which the student is
28 enrolled. The principal of the school shall inform the
29 superintendent of the school district or nonpublic school
30 that the student has been excused. Physical education
31 activities shall emphasize leisure time activities which will
32 benefit the student outside the school environment and after
33 graduation from high school.

34 EXPLANATION

35 This bill requires that the units of science in grades

1 9 through 12 include instruction in environmental awareness
2 and the conservation of natural resources. It revises language
3 for grades 1 through 6 and grades 7 and 8.

4 It allows the principal of a high school to excuse from
5 physical education requirements twelfth grade students who
6 are participating in cooperative or work-study programs and
7 allows school districts and nonpublic schools to waive the
8 requirement that two years of foreign language be taught if
9 there are no students signing up for the foreign language,
10 but certain conditions for offering the language must be met.
11 The bill is effective July first following its enactment.

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S-5259

1 Amend House File 2425, as passed by the House,
2 as follows:

- 3 1. Page 2, by striking line 25 and inserting in
4 lieu thereof the words "grade student who meets the
5 requirements of this paragraph".
6 2. Page 2, line 26, by striking the word "program".
7 3. Page 2, line 28, by inserting after the word
8 "enrolled" the words "if the parent or guardian of
9 the student requests in writing that the student be
10 excused from the physical education requirement.
11 A student who wishes to be excused from the physical
12 education requirement must be enrolled in a cooperative
13 or work-study program or other educational program
14 authorized by the school which requires the student
15 to leave the school premises for specified periods
16 of time during the school day. The student must seek
17 to be excused from the physical education requirement
18 in order to enroll in academic courses not otherwise
19 available to the student."

S-5259 FILED
MARCH 5, 1980

BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
WILLARD R. HANSEN, CHAIRPERSON

Adopted 4/11 (p. 1388)

SENATE AMENDMENT TO
HOUSE FILE 2425

H-6080

1 Amend House File 2425, as passed by the House,
2 as follows:

- 3 1. Page 2, by striking line 25 and inserting in
4 lieu thereof the words "grade student who meets the
5 requirements of this paragraph".
6 2. Page 2, line 26, by striking the word "program".
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12 education requirement must be enrolled in a cooperative
13 or work-study program or other educational program
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15 to leave the school premises for specified periods
16 of time during the school day. The student must seek
17 to be excused from the physical education requirement
18 in order to enroll in academic courses not otherwise
19 available to the student".

H-6080 FILED APRIL 15, 1980

RECEIVED FROM THE SENATE

House concurred 4/25 (p. 2078)

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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF SCHOOLS, BY REQUIRING THAT HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE COURSES TEACH ABOUT ENERGY CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS AND BY PROVIDING FOR A WAIVER OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN STUDENTS AND A WAIVER OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

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

Section 1. Section two hundred fifty-seven point twenty-five (257.25), subsections three (3) and four (4), Code 1979, are amended to read as follows:

3. The following areas shall be taught in the grades one through six: English-language arts, including reading, handwriting, spelling, oral and written English, and literature; social studies, including geography, history of the United States and Iowa, 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 environmental awareness and 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 environmental awareness and conservation of natural resources ~~and environmental awareness~~; mathematics; social studies; cultures of other peoples and nations, and American citizenship; 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. 2. Section two hundred fifty-seven point twenty-five (257.25), subsection six (6), paragraphs a, f and g, Code 1979, are amended to read as follows:

a. Four units of science including physics and chemistry; the units of physics and chemistry may be taught in alternate years. The units of science shall include instruction in environmental awareness and conservation of natural resources.

f. Two units of one foreign language; the units of foreign language may be taught in alternate years, provided there is no break in the progression of instruction from one year to the next. However, the department may waive on an annual basis the foreign language requirement upon the request of the board of directors of a school district or the authorities in charge of a nonpublic school if the board or authorities are able to prove that a certificated teacher was employed and assigned a schedule that would have allowed students to enroll in a foreign language class, the foreign language class was properly scheduled, students were aware that a foreign language class was scheduled and no students enrolled in the class.

g. All students physically able shall be required to participate in physical education activities during each semester a student is enrolled in school except as otherwise provided in this paragraph. A minimum of one-eighth unit each semester shall be required, except that any ~~pupil~~ student participating in an organized and supervised high school athletic program which requires at least as much time of participation per week as one-eighth unit may be excused from the physical education course during the time of his or her participation in the athletic program. In addition, a twelfth grade student who meets the requirements of this paragraph may be excused from the physical education requirement by the principal of the school in which the student is enrolled

if the parent or guardian of the student requests in writing that the student be excused from the physical education requirement. A student who wishes to be excused from the physical education requirement must be enrolled in a cooperative or work-study program or other educational program authorized by the school which requires the student to leave the school premises for specified periods of time during the school day. The student must seek to be excused from the physical education requirement in order to enroll in academic courses not otherwise available to the student. The principal of the school shall inform the superintendent of the school district or nonpublic school that the student has been excused. Physical education activities shall emphasize leisure time activities which will benefit the student outside the school environment and after graduation from high school.

WILLIAM H. HARBOR
Speaker of the House

TERRY E. BRANSTAD
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 2425, Sixty-eighth General Assembly.

BRUCE GRAHAM
Assistant Chief Clerk of the House

Approved May 20, 1980

ROBERT D. RAY
Governor