

# House Study Bill 300

## Conference Committee Text

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1 1 Section 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of  
1 2 the state to the department of education for the fiscal year  
1 3 beginning July 1, 1995, and ending June 30, 1996, the  
1 4 following amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to  
1 5 be used for the purpose designated:  
1 6 1. SCHOOL-TO-WORK PLANNING  
1 7 For planning and monitoring the development of school-to-  
1 8 work programs and for not more than the following full-time  
1 9 equivalent position:  
1 10 ..... \$ 1,500,000  
1 11 ..... FTEs 1.00  
1 12 2. From the moneys appropriated in this section,  
1 13 \$1,300,000 shall be allocated to the regional vocational  
1 14 education planning boards for developing, strengthening and  
1 15 supporting school-to-work program efforts pursuant to section  
1 16 258.16A, and the funds appropriated in this paragraph shall be  
1 17 allocated as follows:  
1 18 a. The regional vocational education planning board at AEA  
1 19 1:  
1 20 ..... \$ 100,000  
1 21 b. The regional vocational education planning board at AEA  
1 22 2:  
1 23 ..... \$ 75,000  
1 24 c. The regional vocational education planning board at AEA  
1 25 3:  
1 26 ..... \$ 75,000  
1 27 d. The regional vocational education planning board at AEA  
1 28 4:  
1 29 ..... \$ 75,000  
1 30 e. The regional vocational education planning board at AEA  
1 31 5:  
1 32 ..... \$ 75,000  
1 33 f. The regional vocational education planning board at AEA  
1 34 6:  
1 35 ..... \$ 75,000  
2 1 g. The regional vocational education planning board at AEA  
2 2 7:  
2 3 ..... \$ 100,000  
2 4 h. The regional vocational education planning board at AEA  
2 5 9:  
2 6 ..... \$ 100,000  
2 7 i. The regional vocational education planning board at AEA  
2 8 10:  
2 9 ..... \$ 100,000  
2 10 j. The regional vocational education planning board at AEA  
2 11 11:  
2 12 ..... \$ 100,000  
2 13 k. The regional vocational education planning board at AEA  
2 14 12:  
2 15 ..... \$ 100,000  
2 16 l. The regional vocational education planning board at AEA  
2 17 13:  
2 18 ..... \$ 100,000  
2 19 m. The regional vocational education planning board at AEA  
2 20 14:  
2 21 ..... \$ 75,000

2 22 n. The regional vocational education planning board at AEA  
2 23 15:  
2 24 ..... \$ 75,000  
2 25 o. The regional vocational education planning board at AEA  
2 26 16:  
2 27 ..... \$ 75,000

2 28 3. The allocations to regional vocational education  
2 29 planning boards under subsection 2 are allocations to area  
2 30 vocational consortia established under 1991 Iowa Acts, chapter  
2 31 267, section 216, where applicable.

2 32 4. Notwithstanding section 8.33, unencumbered or  
2 33 unobligated funds remaining on June 30, 1996, shall not revert  
2 34 but shall be available for expenditure for the following  
2 35 fiscal year for the purposes of this section.

3 1 Sec. 2. Section 258.16, Code 1995, is amended by adding  
3 2 the following new subsection:

3 3 NEW SUBSECTION. 2A. Pursuant to 1991 Iowa Acts, chapter  
3 4 267, section 216, community colleges, school districts, and  
3 5 area education agencies may establish by mutual agreement area  
3 6 vocational consortia to perform the duties prescribed by law  
3 7 to regional vocational education planning boards. References  
3 8 to regional vocational education planning boards apply to area  
3 9 vocational consortia.

3 10 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 258.16A SCHOOL-TO-WORK PROGRAMS.

3 11 1. In addition to the duties contained in section 258.16,  
3 12 the regional vocational education planning boards shall  
3 13 develop school-to-work programs. In developing school-to-work  
3 14 programs, the boards shall identify appropriate skill classes  
3 15 necessary to meet the identified employer needs within the  
3 16 merged area; assess current curricular offerings available at  
3 17 all education levels; determine the equipment and materials  
3 18 necessary for productive school-to-work programs; make  
3 19 recommendations for on-going continuing education programs for  
3 20 staff members participating in school-to-work programs; and  
3 21 establish an on-going coordinating council, representative of  
3 22 all stakeholders in a comprehensive school-to-work program  
3 23 within each merged area.

3 24 2. The area education agency in which the regional  
3 25 vocational education planning board is located shall provide  
3 26 coordination and support services to assist the planning board  
3 27 in developing school-to-work programs.

3 28 3. The department of education shall direct and monitor  
3 29 the progress of each planning board in developing school-to-  
3 30 work programs. By January 15, 1998, the department shall  
3 31 submit to the general assembly the findings and  
3 32 recommendations of the planning boards, along with the  
3 33 department's recommendations for specific programs and for  
3 34 appropriate funding levels to implement and sustain the  
3 35 recommended programs.

4 1 4. Not later than August 1, for the school year beginning  
4 2 the preceding July 1, the board of directors of a school  
4 3 district or authorities in charge of a nonpublic school or  
4 4 board of directors of a community college may annually file a  
4 5 written request with the department of education that the  
4 6 department waive rules relating to vocational education that  
4 7 have been adopted by the state board since the enactment of  
4 8 1989 Iowa Acts, chapter 278. A request for a waiver filed by  
4 9 the board of directors of a school district or authorities in  
4 10 charge of a nonpublic school or board of directors of a  
4 11 community college shall describe actions being taken by the  
4 12 district, school, or community college to meet the requirement  
4 13 for which the district or school has requested a waiver.

4 14 EXPLANATION

4 15 This bill appropriates \$1.5 million to the department of  
4 16 education to support efforts to develop school-to-work  
4 17 programs in public and nonpublic schools and community  
4 18 colleges. A portion of the appropriation would be used by the

4 19 department to direct and monitor the progress of this effort  
4 20 and to hire an administrator to direct and implement the  
4 21 effort in cooperation with an administrator for the community  
4 22 colleges. The remaining funds, \$1.3 million, are allocated to  
4 23 the 15 regional vocational education planning boards, located  
4 24 in each merged area, for developing, strengthening, and  
4 25 supporting school-to-work program efforts.

4 26 In developing school-to-work programs, the boards shall  
4 27 identify appropriate skill classes necessary to meet the  
4 28 identified employer needs within the merged area; assess  
4 29 current curricular offerings available at all education  
4 30 levels; determine the equipment and materials necessary for  
4 31 productive school-to-work programs; make recommendations for  
4 32 on-going continuing education programs for staff members  
4 33 participating in school-to-work programs; and establish an on-  
4 34 going coordinating council, representative of all stakeholders  
4 35 in a comprehensive school-to-work program within each merged  
5 1 area.

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5 3 education planning board is located shall provide coordination  
5 4 and support services to assist the board in developing school-  
5 5 to-work programs.

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5 7 progress of each planning board in developing school-to-work  
5 8 programs. By January 15, 1998, the department shall submit to  
5 9 the general assembly the findings and recommendations of the  
5 10 planning boards, along with the department's recommendations  
5 11 for specific programs and for appropriate funding levels to  
5 12 implement and sustain the recommended programs.

5 13 The bill states that a regional vocational education  
5 14 planning board also means an area vocational consortia that  
5 15 may have been established under 1991 Iowa Acts, chapter 267,  
5 16 section 216, to replace the regional vocational education  
5 17 planning board.

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5 19 in charge of a nonpublic school or board of directors of a  
5 20 community college may annually file a written request with the  
5 21 department of education that the department waive rules  
5 22 relating to vocational education that have been adopted by the  
5 23 state board of education since the enactment of 1989 Iowa  
5 24 Acts, chapter 278. The request shall describe actions being  
5 25 taken by the district, school, or community college to meet  
5 26 the requirement for which the district or school has requested  
5 27 a waiver.

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