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EDUCATION

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the development and implementation of a
2 citizenship grade point average by the board of directors of a
3 school district.

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

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 279.59 CITIZENSHIP GRADE POINT
2 AVERAGE.

3 1. The board of directors of a school district shall
4 prescribe procedures for the establishment and implementation
5 of a citizenship grade point average for students enrolled in
6 grades seven through twelve, in a manner that makes evident
7 the connection between academic achievement, attitude, and
8 individual responsibility. The board shall appoint an
9 advisory committee to assist the board in determining a set of
10 behavioral standards by which students will be assessed and
11 graded. The members of the advisory committee shall include,
12 but shall not be limited to, licensed practitioners, parents,
13 and a representative from the local area education agency.
14 The board shall adopt, giving due consideration to the
15 recommendations of the advisory committee, a set of standards
16 to be used to assess and grade a student's behavior. The
17 board shall periodically examine the efficacy of the
18 citizenship grade point average, and make adjustments as
19 needed in accordance with this section.

20 2. Commencing with the school year beginning July 1, 1999,
21 the board of directors of a school district shall provide for
22 the assessment of a student's behavior against the standards
23 adopted by the board pursuant to subsection 1, and shall
24 include the behavioral assessment in the student's report
25 card, portfolio, or other periodic assessment of the student's
26 achievement.

27 EXPLANATION

28 This bill directs school district boards of directors to
29 prescribe procedures for the establishment and implementation
30 of a citizenship grade point average for students enrolled in
31 grades seven through 12.

32 The boards are required to appoint an advisory committee to
33 assist the board in determining a set of behavioral standards
34 by which students will be assessed and graded. Advisory
35 committee members are to include licensed practitioners,

1 parents, and a representative from the local area education
2 agency.

3 The board is directed to adopt, giving due consideration to
4 the recommendations of the advisory committee, a set of
5 standards for assessing and grading a student's behavior and
6 must periodically examine the efficacy of the citizenship
7 grade point average and make adjustments as needed.

8 The board must provide for the assessment of a student's
9 behavior against the standards commencing with the school year
10 adopted by the board, and shall include the behavioral
11 assessment in the student's report card, portfolio, or other
12 periodic assessment of the student's achievement.

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