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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring the director of the department of education to  
2 establish and maintain a school building plan clearinghouse.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 256.9, Code Supplement 1999, is amended  
2 by adding the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 49. Establish and maintain a school  
4 building plan clearinghouse to provide school district boards  
5 and authorities in charge of accredited nonpublic schools with  
6 prototype architectural plans to reduce the time and cost of  
7 developing new educational facilities. The clearinghouse  
8 shall assemble plans for elementary schools, middle schools,  
9 and high schools. Clearinghouse plans shall be prepared by or  
10 under the supervision of a registered architect or registered  
11 professional engineer. The clearinghouse shall include plans  
12 that support multiple learning styles, incorporate best use of  
13 educational technology, provide for collaborative community  
14 use, promote a sense of community in a safe environment, and  
15 conform to current educational research. The department shall  
16 list construction cost estimates with each plan. Plans and  
17 construction cost estimates shall be reviewed and new plans  
18 identified and added annually. The board of directors of a  
19 school district and the authorities in charge of an accredited  
20 nonpublic school may use the prototype plans free of charge  
21 from the department for all new facilities. Site adaptations,  
22 minor plan modifications, inspections, contract awards,  
23 contract management, and final acceptance of any project shall  
24 be provided under contracts entered into by the school  
25 district board or the authorities in charge of the accredited  
26 nonpublic school.

27 **EXPLANATION**

28 This bill directs the director of the department of  
29 education to establish and maintain a school building plan  
30 clearinghouse. The plans must be prepared by or under the  
31 supervision of a registered architect or registered  
32 professional engineer. The clearinghouse is directed to  
33 include plans that support multiple learning styles,  
34 incorporate best use of educational technology, provide for  
35 collaborative community use, promote a sense of community in a

1 safe environment, and conform to current educational research.  
2 The department must include a list of construction cost  
3 estimates. Plans and construction cost estimates must be  
4 reviewed and new plans identified and added annually. School  
5 districts and accredited nonpublic schools may use the  
6 prototype plans free of charge from the department for all new  
7 facilities. However, site adaptations, minor plan  
8 modifications, inspections, contract awards, contract  
9 management, and final acceptance of any project shall be  
10 provided under contracts entered into by the school district  
11 or the accredited nonpublic school.

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