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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the certified school to career program.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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HF 2179

1 Section 1. Section 15.362, subsections 1 and 2, Code 1999,
2 are amended to read as follows:

3 1. "Certified school to career program" or "certified
4 program" means a sequenced and articulated secondary and
5 postsecondary program registered as an apprenticeship program
6 under 29 C.F.R. subtit. A, pt. 29, which is conducted
7 pursuant to an agreement as provided in section 15.364 or a
8 ~~program-approved-by-the-state-board-of-education,-in~~
9 ~~conjunction-with-the-department-of-economic-development,-as~~
10 meeting an individual program of study developed jointly by a
11 secondary school, postsecondary institution, and an employer
12 that meets the standards enumerated in section 15.363, that
13 integrates a secondary school curriculum with private sector
14 job training which places students in job internships, and
15 which is designed to continue into postsecondary education and
16 that will result in teaching new skills and adding value to
17 the wage-earning potential of participants and increase their
18 long-term employability in the state and which is conducted
19 pursuant to an agreement as provided in section 15.364.

20 2. "Participant" means an individual between the ages of
21 sixteen and twenty-four who is enrolled in a public or private
22 secondary or postsecondary school and who initiated
23 participation in a certified school to career program ~~as-part~~
24 of-secondary no later than the start of the student's senior
25 year of high school education.

26 Sec. 2. Section 15.363, unnumbered paragraphs 1 and 2,
27 Code 1999, are amended to read as follows:

28 The state board of education ~~-in-consultation-with-the~~
29 ~~department-of-economic-development,~~ shall adopt rules pursuant
30 to chapter 17A to guide ~~the-board-and-department~~ school
31 districts in determining whether a potential school to career
32 program ~~should-be-approved~~ meets the standards for
33 certification.

34 A certified school to career program ~~which-is-approved-by~~
35 ~~the-state-board-of-education-in-conjunction-with-the~~

1 ~~department-of-economic-development~~ other than a sequenced and
2 articulated secondary and postsecondary program registered as
3 an apprenticeship program under 29 C.F.R. subtit. A, pt. 29,
4 shall comply with all of the following standards:

5 Sec. 3. Section 15.363, Code 1999, is amended by adding
6 the following new subsection:

7 NEW SUBSECTION. 6. The participant's high school agrees
8 to file with the department of education an initial notice of
9 intent to conduct a certified program, and shall include in
10 the notice the name of the contact person charged with
11 overseeing the school district's certified program. The
12 participant's high school shall maintain on file the certified
13 program agreement required by section 15.364.

14 Sec. 4. Section 15.364, subsections 2, 3, and 8, Code
15 Supplement 1999, are amended to read as follows:

16 2. A description of the career field in which the
17 participant is to be trained, and the beginning date and
18 duration of the training and employment.

19 3. The employer's agreement to provide paid employment, at
20 a base wage, for the participant ~~during-the-summer-months~~
21 after beginning no earlier than the participant's junior and
22 senior-years year in high school and ending no later than the
23 fall after the participant's first second year of
24 postsecondary education.

25 8. If the participant does not complete the two-year
26 employment obligation, the participant's agreement to repay to
27 the employer the amount paid by the employer toward the
28 participant's postsecondary education expenses pursuant to
29 subsection 6. However, if the participant is unable to
30 complete the two-year employment obligation because the
31 employer did not afford the participant a two-year employment
32 opportunity, the participant shall not be required to repay to
33 the employer the amount paid by the employer toward the
34 participant's postsecondary education expenses.

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EXPLANATION

1 This bill modifies the definition of "certified school to
2 career program" and makes a number of changes to the program.

3 Currently, "certified school to career program" means a
4 program that is registered as an apprenticeship program under
5 federal regulations or a program approved by the state board
6 of education, in conjunction with the department of economic
7 development. The bill replaces the option that permits a
8 program approved by the state board with an option that allows
9 an individual program of study, developed jointly by a
10 secondary school, postsecondary institution, and an employer,
11 to meet the definition of a certified school to career
12 program.

13 The bill sets limits on the time during which an employer
14 must provide paid employment to a period no earlier than the
15 student's junior year and no later than the fall after the
16 student's second year of postsecondary education.

17 The bill strikes a provision that requires the state board
18 and the department of economic development to determine which
19 programs should be approved, but requires the state board to
20 adopt rules to guide school districts in determining whether a
21 potential school to career program meets the standards for
22 certification. The bill provides that federal apprenticeship
23 programs are exempt from program standards. The current
24 standards state programs must meet are set forth in Code
25 section 15.363.

26 Under the bill, a new standard is added which requires
27 assurance from the participant's high school that it will file
28 with the department of education an initial notice of intent
29 to conduct a certified program, and include in the notice the
30 name of the contact person charged with overseeing the school
31 district's certified program. The participant's high school
32 is also required to maintain on file the certified program
33 agreement.

34 The Code sets forth provisions each participant and
35 employer must agree to in writing. The bill amends those

1 provisions by requiring that the participant and employer
2 agree to the beginning date and duration of the employment,
3 and provides that if a participant is unable to complete the
4 employment obligation because the employer does not afford the
5 participant an employment opportunity, the participant is not
6 required to repay the employer's portion of the participant's
7 postsecondary education expenses.

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HOUSE FILE 2179

AN ACT
RELATING TO THE CERTIFIED SCHOOL TO CAREER PROGRAM.

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

Section 1. Section 15.362, subsections 1 and 2, Code 1999, are amended to read as follows:

1. "Certified school to career program" or "certified program" means a sequenced and articulated secondary and postsecondary program registered as an apprenticeship program under 29 C.F.R. subtit. A, pt. 29, which is conducted pursuant to an agreement as provided in section 15.364 or ~~a program approved by the state board of education, in conjunction with the department of economic development, as meeting an individual program of study developed jointly by a secondary school, postsecondary institution, and an employer that meets~~ the standards enumerated in section 15.363, that integrates a secondary school curriculum with private sector job training which places students in job internships, and which is designed to continue into postsecondary education and that will result in teaching new skills and adding value to the wage-earning potential of participants and increase their long-term employability in the state and which is conducted pursuant to an agreement as provided in section 15.364.

2. "Participant" means an individual between the ages of sixteen and twenty-four who is enrolled in a public or private secondary or postsecondary school and who initiated participation in a certified school to career program ~~as part of secondary no later than the start of the student's senior year of high school education.~~

Sec. 2. Section 15.363, unnumbered paragraphs 1 and 2, Code 1999, are amended to read as follows:

~~The state board of education, in consultation with the department of economic development, shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to guide the board and department school districts in determining whether a potential school to career program should be approved meets the standards for certification.~~

A certified school to career program ~~which is approved by the state board of education in conjunction with the department of economic development other than a sequenced and articulated secondary and postsecondary program registered as an apprenticeship program under 29 C.F.R. subtit. A, pt. 29,~~ shall comply with all of the following standards:

Sec. 3. Section 15.363, Code 1999, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 6. The participant's high school agrees to file with the department of education an initial notice of intent to conduct a certified program, and shall include in the notice the name of the contact person charged with overseeing the school district's certified program. The participant's high school shall maintain on file the certified program agreement required by section 15.364.

Sec. 4. Section 15.364, subsections 2, 3, and 8, Code Supplement 1999, are amended to read as follows:

2. A description of the career field in which the participant is to be trained, and the beginning date and duration of the training and employment.

3. The employer's agreement to provide paid employment, at a base wage, for the participant ~~during the summer months after beginning no earlier than the participant's junior and senior years year in high school and ending no later than the fall after the participant's first second year of~~ postsecondary education.

8. If the participant does not complete the two-year employment obligation, the participant's agreement to repay to the employer the amount paid by the employer toward the

participant's postsecondary education expenses pursuant to subsection 6. However, if the participant is unable to complete the two-year employment obligation because the employer did not afford the participant a two-year employment opportunity, the participant shall not be required to repay to the employer the amount paid by the employer toward the participant's postsecondary education expenses.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 2179, Seventy-eighth General Assembly.

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Approved March 29, 2000

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