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EDUCATION

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act increasing the eligibility limitations and scope of the
2 postsecondary enrollment options Act.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 261C.3, subsection 2, Code 1999, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. "Eligible pupil" means a pupil classified by the board
4 of directors of a school district, by the state board of
5 regents for pupils of the school for the deaf and the Iowa
6 braille and sight saving school, or by the authorities in
7 charge of an accredited nonpublic school as a ninth or tenth
8 grade pupil who is identified according to the school
9 district's gifted and talented criteria and procedures,
10 pursuant to section 257.43, as a gifted and talented child, or
11 an eleventh or twelfth grade pupil, during the period the
12 pupil is participating in the enrollment option provided under
13 this chapter. In addition, the pupil shall be in the top one-
14 third of the pupil's class, as determined using cumulative
15 grade point averages. A pupil attending an accredited
16 nonpublic school shall be counted as a shared-time student in
17 the school district in which the nonpublic school of
18 attendance is located for state foundation aid purposes.

19 Sec. 2. Section 261C.4, Code 1999, is amended to read as
20 follows:

21 261C.4 AUTHORIZATION.

22 An eligible pupil may make application to an eligible
23 institution to allow the ~~eligible pupil~~ to enroll for academic
24 or vocational-technical credit in an authorized nonsectarian
25 course offered at that eligible institution if the pupil has
26 exhausted all college preparatory coursework options.

27 Authorized courses shall include only those related to
28 mathematics, English-language arts, vocational-technical
29 education, and science. A comparable course, as defined in
30 rules made by the board of directors of the public school
31 district, must not be offered by the school district or
32 accredited nonpublic school which the pupil attends. If an
33 eligible institution accepts an eligible pupil for enrollment
34 under this section, the institution shall send written notice
35 to the pupil, the pupil's school district or accredited

1 nonpublic school or the school for the deaf or the Iowa
2 braille and sight saving school, and the department of
3 education. The notice shall list the course, the clock hours
4 the pupil will be attending the course, and the number of
5 hours of postsecondary academic or vocational-technical credit
6 that the eligible pupil will receive from the eligible
7 institution upon successful completion of the course.

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EXPLANATION

9 The bill makes changes to restrict the use of the
10 postsecondary enrollment options Act contained in Code chapter
11 261C, by changing eligibility requirements, requiring a pupil
12 to exhaust all of a school's college preparatory offerings
13 prior to taking a college-level course, and by limiting the
14 courses authorized to four subject areas.

15 In addition to current Code eligibility requirements, an
16 eligible pupil must be in the top one-third of the pupil's
17 class, as determined using cumulative grade point averages,
18 and the pupil must have exhausted all college preparatory
19 coursework options prior to taking an authorized nonsectarian
20 course offered at an eligible postsecondary institution.

21 The bill defines an "authorized course" to include only
22 those related to mathematics, English-language arts,
23 vocational-technical education, and science.

24 The postsecondary enrollment options Act permits pupils to
25 receive high school and college credit for coursework taken at
26 an eligible postsecondary institution if the school district
27 does not offer a comparable course. School districts are
28 required to pay up to \$250 per course for eligible pupils.

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