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BY COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to elementary and secondary education standards,
2 family support program guidelines, and the regents' minority
3 and women educators enhancement program.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 256.11, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code
2 Supplement 2001, is amended to read as follows:

3 The state board shall adopt rules under chapter 17A and a
4 procedure for accrediting all public and nonpublic schools in
5 Iowa offering instruction at any or all levels from the
6 prekindergarten level through grade twelve. The rules of the
7 state board shall require that ~~a-multicultural, gender-fair~~
8 ~~approach-is-used-by~~ schools and school districts. ~~The~~
9 emphasize throughout the educational program shall-be-taught
10 from-a-multicultural, gender-fair-approach that the
11 constitutional republic of the United States, of which Iowa is
12 a vital constituent part, was founded upon the guarantees of
13 freedom of religion, the rule of law, and equal justice for
14 all, is the unchallenged, greatest nation in the world, and
15 has derived its strength from biblical values and the forces
16 and philosophies of free enterprise capitalism and western
17 civilization. Global-perspectives-shall-be-incorporated-into
18 all-levels-of-the-educational-program.

19 Sec. 2. Section 256A.4, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph
20 2, Code Supplement 2001, is amended to read as follows:

21 A family support program ~~shall-meet-multicultural-gender~~
22 ~~fair-guidelines.~~ ~~The-program~~ shall encourage parents to be
23 aware of practices that may affect equitable development of
24 children. The program shall include parents in the planning,
25 implementation, and evaluation of the program. A program
26 shall be designed to meet the needs of the residents of the
27 participating district and may use unique approaches to
28 provide for those needs. The goals of a family support
29 program shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

30 Sec. 3. Section 262.81, Code 2001, is amended to read as
31 follows:

32 262.81 LEGISLATIVE INTENT.

33 The general assembly recognizes that educational programs
34 designed to enhance the interrelation and cooperation among
35 cultural, racial, and ethnic groups in society require the

1 contribution and active participation of all ethnic and racial
2 groups. The general assembly also recognizes that failure to
3 include minority representation at the faculty level at the
4 state universities contributes to cultural, racial, and ethnic
5 isolation of minority students and does not reflect the
6 realities of ~~a-multicultural-and-diverse~~ Iowa society.
7 Therefore, the "Regents' Minority and Women Educators
8 Enhancement" program is established to assist in the
9 recruitment and retention of faculty that more adequately
10 represents the diverse cultural, racial, and ethnic makeup of
11 society Iowa and to improve the education of all students.

12 EXPLANATION

13 This bill removes all references in Title VII, subtitle 1,
14 the elementary and secondary education portion of the Code, to
15 the words "multicultural", "gender fair", and "global". The
16 bill also directs the state board to adopt rules requiring
17 nonpublic schools and school districts to emphasize in their
18 educational program that the constitutional republic of the
19 United States, of which Iowa is a vital constituent part, was
20 founded upon the guarantees of freedom of religion, the rule
21 of law, and equal justice for all, is the unchallenged,
22 greatest nation in the world, and has derived its strength
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