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HOUSE FILE 180
BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO H.F. 6)

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Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____ Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____
Approved 4/11/03

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to character education and service learning in
2 Iowa's elementary and secondary schools.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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HF 180

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 256.18A SERVICE LEARNING.

2 The board of directors of a school district or the
3 authorities in charge of a nonpublic school may require a
4 certain number of service learning units as a condition of
5 graduation from the district or school. For purposes of this
6 paragraph, "service learning" means a method of teaching and
7 learning which engages students in solving problems and
8 addressing issues in their school or greater community as part
9 of the academic curriculum.

10 Sec. 2. Section 280.12, Code 2003, is amended by adding
11 the following new subsection:

12 NEW SUBSECTION. 3. Consider recommendations from the
13 school improvement advisory committee to infuse character
14 education into the educational program.

15 EXPLANATION

16 This bill permits school districts and nonpublic schools to
17 require a certain number of service learning units as a
18 condition of high school graduation. "Service learning", as
19 defined in the bill, means a method of teaching and learning
20 that engages students in solving problems and addressing
21 issues in their school or greater community as part of the
22 academic curriculum.

23 The bill also requires school districts and accredited
24 nonpublic schools to consider recommendations from their
25 school improvement advisory committees to infuse character
26 education into the educational program.

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HOUSE FILE 180

S-3096

1 Amend House File 180, as passed by the House, as
2 follows:
3 1. Page 1, line 4, by inserting after the word
4 "condition" the following: "for the inclusion of a
5 service learning endorsement on a student's diploma or
6 as a condition".

By BOB BRUNKHORST
KEITH A. KREIMAN

S-3096 FILED MARCH 26, 2003

Adopted 3/31/03

SENATE AMENDMENT TO
HOUSE FILE 180

H-1211

1 Amend House File 180, as passed by the House, as
2 follows:
3 1. Page 1, line 4, by inserting after the word
4 "condition" the following: "for the inclusion of a
5 service learning endorsement on a student's diploma or
6 as a condition".

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H-1211 FILED APRIL 1, 2003

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HOUSE FILE 180*

H-1211

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2 follows:
3 1. Page 1, line 4, by inserting after the word
4 "condition" the following: "for the inclusion of a
5 service learning endorsement on a student's diploma or
6 as a condition".

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House concurred 4/3/03

HOUSE FILE 180

AN ACT

RELATING TO CHARACTER EDUCATION AND SERVICE LEARNING IN
IOWA'S ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

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

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 256.18A SERVICE LEARNING.

The board of directors of a school district or the authorities in charge of a nonpublic school may require a certain number of service learning units as a condition for the inclusion of a service learning endorsement on a student's diploma or as a condition of graduation from the district or school. For purposes of this paragraph, "service learning" means a method of teaching and learning which engages students in solving problems and addressing issues in their school or greater community as part of the academic curriculum.

Sec. 2. Section 280.12, Code 2003, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 3. Consider recommendations from the school improvement advisory committee to infuse character education into the educational program.

CHRISTOPHER C. RANTS
Speaker of the House

MARY E. KRAMER
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 180, Eightieth General Assembly.

MARGARET THOMSON
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved _____, 2003

THOMAS J. VILSACK
Governor