

House File 153 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the development and administration by the
2 department of education of a program to identify and honor
3 schools for increasing the number of students enrolled in
4 advanced-level courses and reducing achievement gaps.
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 256.9, Code 2007, is amended by adding
1 2 the following new subsection:
1 3 NEW SUBSECTION. 55. Develop a program to annually
1 4 identify and honor schools that succeed in increasing the
1 5 number of students enrolled in grades nine through twelve in
1 6 advanced science, mathematics, and reading programs, and
1 7 schools that succeed in reducing the achievement gaps for any
1 8 subgroups of students in kindergarten through grade twelve as
1 9 identified by the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001,
1 10 Pub. L. No. 107=110, and any federal regulations adopted
1 11 pursuant to the federal Act. The department shall establish
1 12 criteria for the recognition of exemplary schools and programs
1 13 in accordance with this subsection, and a process to publicly
1 14 honor the recipients of this recognition, and shall create a
1 15 noteworthy symbol or certificate of honor suitable for public
1 16 display in the community by the recipient schools.

EXPLANATION

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1 18 This bill requires the director of the department of
1 19 education to develop a program to annually identify and honor
1 20 elementary and secondary schools that succeed in reducing
1 21 achievement gaps and secondary schools that increase the
1 22 number and diversity of students enrolled in advanced science,
1 23 mathematics, and reading programs; to establish criteria for
1 24 the recognition of exemplary schools and programs and a
1 25 process to publicly honor the recipients chosen; and to create
1 26 a noteworthy symbol or certificate of honor suitable for
1 27 public display in the community by the recipient schools.
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