

House Study Bill 534

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BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the elimination of reporting or data
2 collection requirements related to the department of
3 education.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 256.7, subsection 21, paragraph c, Code
1 2 Supplement 2007, is amended to read as follows:
1 3 c. A requirement that all school districts and accredited
1 4 nonpublic schools annually report to the department and the
1 5 local community the district-wide progress made in attaining
1 6 student achievement goals on the academic and other core
1 7 indicators and the district-wide progress made in attaining
1 8 locally established student learning goals. The school
1 9 districts and accredited nonpublic schools shall demonstrate
1 10 the use of multiple assessment measures in determining student
1 11 achievement levels. The school districts and accredited
1 12 nonpublic schools shall also report the number of students who
1 13 graduate, utilizing the definition of graduation rate
~~1 14 specified by the national governors association; the number of~~
~~1 15 students who drop out of school; the number of students~~
~~1 16 pursuing a high school equivalency diploma pursuant to chapter~~
~~1 17 259A; the number of students who were enrolled in the district~~
~~1 18 within the past five years and who received a high school~~
~~1 19 equivalency diploma; the percentage of students who receive a~~
~~1 20 high school diploma and who were not proficient in reading,~~
~~1 21 mathematics, and science in grade eleven; the number of~~
~~1 22 students in the prior year who were enrolled as high school~~
~~1 23 juniors who are within four units of meeting the district's~~
~~1 24 graduation requirements; the number of students who are tested~~
1 25 and the percentage of students who are so tested annually; and
1 26 the percentage of students who graduated during the prior
1 27 school year and who completed a core curriculum. The board
1 28 shall develop and adopt uniform definitions consistent with
1 29 the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Pub. L. No.
1 30 107-110 and any federal regulations adopted pursuant to the
1 31 federal Act. The school districts and accredited nonpublic
1 32 schools may report on other locally determined factors
1 33 influencing student achievement. The school districts and
1 34 accredited nonpublic schools shall also report to the local
1 35 community their results by individual attendance center.
2 1 Sec. 2. Section 257.30, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2007,
2 2 is amended to read as follows:
2 3 A school budget review committee is established in the
2 4 department of education and consists of the director of the
2 5 department of education, the director of the department of
2 6 management, and three members who are knowledgeable in the
2 7 areas of Iowa school finance or public finance issues
2 8 appointed by the governor to represent the public. At least
2 9 one of the public members shall possess a master's or doctoral
2 10 degree in which areas of school finance, economics, or
2 11 statistics are an integral component, or shall have equivalent
2 12 experience in an executive administrative or senior research
2 13 position in the education or public administration field. The
2 14 members appointed by the governor shall serve staggered
2 15 three-year terms beginning and ending as provided in section
2 16 69.19 and are subject to senate confirmation as provided in
2 17 section 2.32. The committee shall meet and hold hearings each
2 18 year and shall continue in session until it has reviewed

2 19 budgets of school districts, as provided in section 257.31.
2 20 It may call in school board members and employees as necessary
2 21 for the hearings. ~~Legislators shall be notified of hearings~~
2 22 ~~concerning school districts in their constituencies. An agenda~~
2 23 ~~of scheduled hearings and minutes of proceedings shall be~~
2 24 ~~posted on the department's internet site.~~

2 25 Sec. 3. Section 257.31, subsection 2, Code Supplement
2 26 2007, is amended to read as follows:

2 27 2. The committee ~~shall report to each session of the~~
2 28 ~~general assembly, which report shall include any recommended~~
2 29 ~~changes in laws relating to school districts, and shall~~
2 30 specify the number of hearings held annually, the reasons for
2 31 the committee's recommendations, information about the amounts
2 32 of property tax levied by school districts for a cash reserve,
2 33 and other information the committee deems advisable.

2 34 Sec. 4. Section 257.31, subsection 9, Code Supplement
2 35 2007, is amended to read as follows:

3 1 9. When the committee makes a decision under subsections 3
3 2 through 8, it shall make all necessary changes in the district
3 3 cost, budget, and tax levy. ~~It shall give written notice of~~
3 4 ~~its decision, including all such changes, to the school board~~
3 5 ~~through the department of education.~~

3 6 Sec. 5. Section 260C.14, subsection 21, Code 2007, is
3 7 amended by striking the subsection.

3 8 Sec. 6. Section 279.63, subsection 2, paragraph e, Code
3 9 2007, is amended by striking the paragraph.

3 10 Sec. 7. Section 279.63, subsection 3, Code 2007, is
3 11 amended to read as follows:

3 12 3. Copies of a school district's financial report for the
3 13 previous school year shall be posted on an internet website
3 14 ~~site maintained by the school district at the beginning of the~~
3 15 ~~school year by January 1 of each school year. If the school~~
3 16 ~~district does not maintain or develop a website an internet~~
3 17 ~~site, the school district shall either distribute or post~~
3 18 ~~written copies of the financial report at specified locations~~
3 19 ~~throughout the school district.~~

3 20 Sec. 8. Section 282.24, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph
3 21 3, Code 2007, is amended by striking the unnumbered paragraph.

3 22 Sec. 9. Section 298.6, Code 2007, is amended to read as
3 23 follows:

3 24 298.6 PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF OUTSTANDING LEVIES.

3 25 The board of directors of a school district shall, prior to
3 26 certifying any levy by board approval, or submitting a levy
3 27 for voter approval, facilitate public access to a complete
3 28 listing of all outstanding levies within the school district
3 29 by rate, amount, duration, and the applicable maximum levy
3 30 limitations. The information relating to outstanding levies
3 31 shall be posted on an internet website ~~site maintained by the~~
3 32 ~~school district at the beginning of the school year by January~~
3 33 ~~1 of each school year, and updated prior to board approval or~~

3 34 ~~submission for voter approval of any levy during the school~~
3 35 ~~year. If the school district does not maintain or develop a~~
4 1 ~~website an internet site, the school district shall either~~
4 2 ~~distribute or post written copies of the listing at specified~~
4 3 ~~locations throughout the school district.~~

4 4 Sec. 10. Sections 726.21, 726.22, and 726.23, Code 2007,
4 5 are repealed.

4 6 EXPLANATION

4 7 This bill eliminates reporting or data collection
4 8 requirements related to the department of education.

4 9 The bill eliminates the clauses in Code section 256.7,
4 10 subsection 21, that refer to a formula to calculate a
4 11 graduation rate based on the number of ninth graders that
4 12 actually graduate. The department's statewide student data
4 13 management system will be able to directly determine a
4 14 graduation rate this next school year. The requirement to
4 15 collect the percentage of students who are within four credits
4 16 of graduating at the end of their junior year is eliminated.

4 17 Language is deleted from Code sections 257.30 and 257.31
4 18 that refers to department reports to the legislature. In Code
4 19 section 257.31, subsection 9, language is eliminated that
4 20 requires the school budget review committee to give written
4 21 notice of all its actions under Code section 257.31,
4 22 subsections 3 through 8, to a school board through the
4 23 department of education.

4 24 The bill eliminates Code section 260C.14, subsection 21, as
4 25 the department otherwise reports on high school equivalency
4 26 diploma success rates.

4 27 Code section 279.63, subsection 2, paragraph "e", which
4 28 requires reporting of teacher and administrator health
4 29 insurance benefits and options, is stricken. Reporting dates

4 30 are changed from the beginning of the school year to January 1
4 31 in Code sections 279.63, subsection 3, and 298.6 dealing with
4 32 financial and property tax levy reports posted on the
4 33 internet.
4 34 The provision in Code section 292.24 that requires the
4 35 department to notify districts about maximum tuition rates,
5 1 which are the district costs per pupil, is deleted as the
5 2 districts otherwise receive this information from the
5 3 department of management.
5 4 The bill repeals Code sections 726.21, 726.22, and 726.23,
5 5 which comprise the child identification and protection Act.
5 6 Those Code sections relate to the conditions when the
5 7 fingerprinting of children is allowed by a governmental unit.
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