

Senate File 16

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring the board of directors of a school district to
2 make completion of a college entrance examination a condition
3 of graduation and making an appropriation.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 279.54 COLLEGE ADMISSION AND
1 2 PLACEMENT EXAMINATION REQUIRED.
1 3 1. The board of directors of a school district shall
1 4 require all students, as a condition of graduation, to take
1 5 the national college admission and placement examination
1 6 published by the American college testing program, inc. The
1 7 school district shall pay the fee for not more than one
1 8 examination for each student. The school district shall be
1 9 reimbursed for payment of the fee by the department of
1 10 education pursuant to subsection 2.
1 11 2. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
1 12 state to the department of education funds sufficient to
1 13 reimburse school districts for the costs of paying examination
1 14 fees as provided in subsection 1. The state board of
1 15 education shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A
1 16 establishing procedures for the payment of fees as provided in
1 17 subsection 1 and for the issuance of a waiver in accordance
1 18 with subsection 4.
1 19 3. The results of the examination required pursuant to
1 20 subsection 1 shall be included on the student's final report
1 21 card for the school year during which the examination was
1 22 taken, and shall be part of the student's permanent academic
1 23 record. If a student elects to repeat the examination taken
1 24 pursuant to subsection 1, the student shall be responsible for
1 25 paying the examination fee. The student may request that the
1 26 later results be placed on the student's transcript and
1 27 included in the student's permanent academic record.
1 28 4. The department may waive the examination requirement
1 29 set forth in subsection 1 for a student upon the request of
1 30 the board of directors of a school district if the school
1 31 district has written authorization from a student's parent or
1 32 guardian to exempt the student from the examination
1 33 requirement.

EXPLANATION

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1 35 This bill requires the boards of directors of school
2 1 districts to require all students, as a condition of
2 2 graduation, to take the national college admission and
2 3 placement examination published by the American college
2 4 testing program, inc. The bill includes a standing
2 5 appropriation from the general fund of the state to the
2 6 department of education to reimburse school districts for
2 7 payment of the fees.
2 8 The results of the examination are required to be included
2 9 on the student's final report card for the school year during
2 10 which the examination was taken, and as part of the student's
2 11 permanent academic record. If a student elects to repeat the
2 12 examination, the student must pay the fee, and may request
2 13 that the later results be placed on the student's transcript
2 14 and included in the student's permanent academic record.
2 15 The department may waive the examination requirement for a
2 16 student if the school district submits a request and has
2 17 written authorization from a student's parent or guardian to
2 18 exempt the student from the examination requirement.
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