

# House File 224 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring public school districts and nonpublic schools to  
2 offer a free college entrance exam to students in grades ten  
3 and eleven each school year, and providing effective and  
4 applicability dates.  
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 280.29 FREE COLLEGE ENTRANCE  
1 2 EXAM TEST.  
1 3 The board of directors of each public school district and  
1 4 the authorities in charge of each nonpublic school shall  
1 5 provide at no cost to each student in grades ten and eleven  
1 6 once each school year the opportunity to take the American  
1 7 College Test or, at the discretion of the board and nonpublic  
1 8 school authorities, the American College Test Plus Writing  
1 9 exam or the SAT Reasoning Test.  
1 10 Sec. 2. STATE MANDATE FUNDING SPECIFIED. In accordance  
1 11 with section 25B.2, subsection 3, the state cost of requiring  
1 12 compliance with any state mandate included in this Act shall  
1 13 be paid by a school district from state school foundation aid  
1 14 received by the school district under section 257.16. This  
1 15 specification of the payment of the state cost shall be deemed  
1 16 to meet all the state funding-related requirements of section  
1 17 25B.2, subsection 3, and no additional state funding shall be  
1 18 necessary for the full implementation of this Act by and  
1 19 enforcement of this Act against all affected school districts.  
1 20 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE AND APPLICABILITY DATES. This Act takes  
1 21 effect July 1, 2010, and applies to school years beginning on  
1 22 or after that date.

### EXPLANATION

1 24 This bill requires school districts and nonpublic schools  
1 25 to offer a free American College Test (ACT) once a year to  
1 26 students in grades 10 and 11. The school districts and the  
1 27 accredited nonpublic schools have the option of providing the  
1 28 expanded version of the ACT exam that includes a writing  
1 29 component, called the ACT Plus Writing exam, or offering the  
1 30 SAT Reasoning Test.  
1 31 The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code  
1 32 section 25B.3. The bill requires that the state cost of any  
1 33 state mandate included in the bill be paid by a school  
1 34 district from state school foundation aid received by the  
1 35 school district under Code section 257.16. The specification  
2 1 is deemed to constitute state compliance with any state  
2 2 mandate funding-related requirements of Code section 25B.2.  
2 3 The inclusion of this specification is intended to reinstate  
2 4 the requirement of political subdivisions to comply with any  
2 5 state mandates included in the bill.  
2 6 The bill takes effect July 1, 2010, and applies to school  
2 7 years beginning on or after that date.  
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