

**House File 2354 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

- 1 An Act relating to the postsecondary enrollment options
- 2 component of the senior year plus program.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 261E.6, subsection 3, Code 2009, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 3. *Authorization.* To participate in this program, an  
4 eligible student shall make application to an eligible  
5 postsecondary institution to allow the eligible student to  
6 enroll for college credit in a nonsectarian course offered at  
7 the institution. A ~~comparable course, as defined in rules~~  
8 ~~adopted by the board of directors of the school district~~  
9 ~~consistent with department administrative rule, with the same~~  
10 or substantially the same content must not be offered by the  
11 school district or accredited nonpublic school the student  
12 attends. If the postsecondary institution accepts an eligible  
13 student for enrollment under this section, the institution  
14 shall send written notice to the student, the student's  
15 parent or legal guardian in the case of a minor child, and  
16 the student's school district or accredited nonpublic school  
17 and the school district in the case of a nonpublic school  
18 student, or the Iowa school for the deaf or the Iowa braille  
19 and sight saving school. The notice shall list the course, the  
20 clock hours the student will be attending the course, and the  
21 number of hours of college credit that the eligible student  
22 will receive from the eligible postsecondary institution upon  
23 successful completion of the course.

24 Sec. 2. Section 261E.6, subsection 6, Code 2009, is amended  
25 to read as follows:

26 6. *Definition.* For purposes of this section and section  
27 261E.7, unless the context otherwise requires, "*eligible*  
28 *student*" means a student classified by the board of directors  
29 of a school district, by the state board of regents for pupils  
30 of the Iowa school for the deaf and the Iowa braille and  
31 sight saving school, or by the authorities in charge of an  
32 accredited nonpublic school as a ninth or tenth grade student  
33 who is identified according to the school district's gifted and  
34 talented criteria and procedures, pursuant to section 257.43,  
35 as a gifted and talented child, or an eleventh or twelfth grade

1 student, during the period the student is participating in the  
2 postsecondary enrollment options program. For purposes of this  
3 section and section 261E.7, a student who meets the definition  
4 of eligible student under this subsection is exempt from the  
5 proficiency requirements of section 261E.3, subsection 1,  
6 paragraph "e".

7     Sec. 3. STATE MANDATE FUNDING SPECIFIED. In accordance  
8 with section 25B.2, subsection 3, the state cost of requiring  
9 compliance with any state mandate included in this Act shall  
10 be paid by a school district from state school foundation aid  
11 received by the school district under section 257.16. This  
12 specification of the payment of the state cost shall be deemed  
13 to meet all of the state funding-related requirements of  
14 section 25B.2, subsection 3, and no additional state funding  
15 shall be necessary for the full implementation of this Act  
16 by and enforcement of this Act against all affected school  
17 districts.

18                                   EXPLANATION

19     This bill exempts students who wish to participate in the  
20 postsecondary enrollment options program from a senior year  
21 plus program eligibility provision that requires a student  
22 to have demonstrated proficiency in reading, mathematics,  
23 and science in order to participate in the senior year plus  
24 program.

25     The bill also provides that a student may apply to enroll in  
26 an eligible postsecondary institution for college credit in a  
27 nonsectarian course under the postsecondary enrollment options  
28 program if the school district does not offer a course that is  
29 the same or substantially the same as the course offered in  
30 the eligible postsecondary institution. Currently, the school  
31 district must not offer a comparable course as defined in  
32 rules adopted by the board of directors of the school district  
33 consistent with department of education administrative rule.

34     This bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code  
35 section 25B.3. The bill requires that the state cost of

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1 any state mandate included in the bill be paid by a school  
2 district from state school foundation aid received by the  
3 school district under Code section 257.16. The specification  
4 is deemed to constitute state compliance with any state mandate  
5 funding-related requirements of Code section 25B.2. The  
6 inclusion of this specification is intended to reinstate the  
7 requirement of political subdivisions to comply with any state  
8 mandates included in the bill.