

Senate File 72 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the history requirements secondary school
2 students must meet as a condition of graduation.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 TLSB 1687XS 83
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1 1 Section 1. Section 280.9A, subsection 1, Code 2009, is
1 2 amended to read as follows:
1 3 1. The board of directors of each local public school
1 4 district and the authorities in charge of each nonpublic
1 5 school shall require that all students in grades nine through
1 6 twelve successfully complete, as a condition of graduation,
1 7 instruction in at least one unit of American history, one unit
1 8 of Iowa history, and instruction in the governments of Iowa
1 9 and the United States, including instruction in voting
1 10 statutes and procedures, voter registration requirements, the
1 11 use of paper ballots and voting machines in the election
1 12 process, and the method of acquiring and casting an absentee
1 13 ballot.
1 14 Sec. 2. STATE MANDATE FUNDING SPECIFIED. In accordance
1 15 with section 25B.2, subsection 3, the state cost of requiring
1 16 compliance with any state mandate included in this Act shall
1 17 be paid by a school district from state school foundation aid
1 18 received by the school district under section 257.16. This
1 19 specification of the payment of the state cost shall be deemed
1 20 to meet all of the state funding-related requirements of
1 21 section 25B.2, subsection 3, and no additional state funding
1 22 shall be necessary for the full implementation of this Act by
1 23 and enforcement of this Act against all affected school
1 24 districts.

EXPLANATION

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1 26 This bill specifies that a secondary school student must
1 27 successfully complete one unit in American history as a
1 28 condition of graduation and adds a requirement that each
1 29 secondary student complete at least one unit of Iowa history
1 30 as a condition of graduation. Currently, the statutory
1 31 provision requires only that secondary students complete
1 32 instruction in American history.
1 33 The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code
1 34 section 25B.3. The bill requires that the state cost of any
1 35 state mandate included in the bill be paid by a school
2 1 district from state school foundation aid received by the
2 2 school district under Code section 257.16. The specification
2 3 is deemed to constitute state compliance with any state
2 4 mandate funding-related requirements of Code section 25B.2.
2 5 The inclusion of this specification is intended to reinstate
2 6 the requirement of political subdivisions to comply with any
2 7 state mandates included in the bill.
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