

House File 2107 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act authorizing students in a district-to-community college
2 sharing or concurrent enrollment program to decline college
3 credit.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 257.11, subsection 3, paragraph b,
2 unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2011, is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 If the school budget review committee certifies to the
5 department of management that the class would not otherwise be
6 implemented without the assignment of additional weighting,
7 pupils, except those pupils who have elected to decline
8 college credit under section 261E.8, subsection 4A, attending
9 a community college-offered class or attending a class taught
10 by a community college-employed instructor are assigned a
11 weighting of the percentage of the pupil's school day during
12 which the pupil attends class in the community college or
13 attends a class taught by a community college-employed
14 instructor times seventy hundredths for career and technical
15 courses or forty-six hundredths for liberal arts and sciences
16 courses. The following requirements shall be met for the
17 purposes of assigning an additional weighting for classes
18 offered through a sharing agreement between a school district
19 and community college. The class must be:

20 Sec. 2. Section 260C.14, subsection 21, paragraph a, Code
21 2011, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

22 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (4A) Unduplicated headcount of eligible
23 students participating in the district-to-community college
24 sharing or concurrent enrollment program who have elected to
25 decline college credit under section 261E.8, subsection 4A,
26 and the total high school credits earned by such students from
27 courses taken through the program.

28 Sec. 3. Section 261E.8, Code Supplement 2011, is amended by
29 adding the following new subsection:

30 NEW SUBSECTION. 4A. A student enrolled in a course under
31 this section for both college credit and high school credit
32 may, prior to the date designated by the community college for
33 withdrawing from or dropping a class, elect to decline the
34 award of college credit for completing the course. If the
35 student makes an election under this subsection, the student

1 shall receive only high school credit for completing the
2 course. An election made under this subsection must be made in
3 writing and received by the school district and the community
4 college on or before the date designated by the community
5 college for withdrawing from or dropping the course. However,
6 to receive high school credit for the course under subsection
7 4, the student shall otherwise successfully complete the course
8 as determined by the community college.

9 Sec. 4. Section 261E.8, subsection 7, Code Supplement 2011,
10 is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

11 NEW PARAGRAPH. *0c.* An unduplicated enrollment count of
12 eligible students participating in the program who have elected
13 to decline college credit under subsection 4A and the total
14 high school credits earned by such students from courses taken
15 through the program.

16 EXPLANATION

17 This bill authorizes a student who is enrolled in a course
18 under a district-to-community college sharing or concurrent
19 enrollment program to, prior to the date designated by the
20 community college for withdrawing from or dropping a class,
21 elect to decline the award of college credit for completing the
22 course, and the student shall receive only high school credit
23 for completing the course. Such an election must be made in
24 writing and received by the school district on or before the
25 date designated by the community college for withdrawing from
26 or dropping the course. In addition, the bill provides that
27 to receive high school credit for the course the student shall
28 otherwise successfully complete the course as determined by the
29 community college.

30 The bill provides that a student who declines college credit
31 for a course under a district-to-community college sharing or
32 concurrent enrollment program is not eligible for supplementary
33 weighting under Code section 257.11(3).

34 The bill also includes reporting and data gathering
35 requirements for the state board of education and the boards of

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1 directors of each community college.