

**Senate File 437 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 85)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act establishing the Iowa online advanced placement  
2 academy science, technology, engineering, and mathematics  
3 initiative.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 263.8A, Code 2011, is amended to read as  
2 follows:

3 **263.8A International center for talented and gifted education**  
4 **— Iowa online advanced placement academy science, technology,**  
5 **engineering, and mathematics initiative.**

6 1. a. The state board of regents shall establish and  
7 maintain at Iowa City as an integral part of the state  
8 university of Iowa the international center for talented and  
9 gifted education. The international center shall provide  
10 programs to assist classroom teachers to teach gifted and  
11 talented students in regular classrooms, provide programs  
12 to enhance the learning experiences of gifted and talented  
13 students, serve as a center for national and international  
14 symposiums and policy forums for enhancing the teaching of  
15 gifted and talented students, and undertake other appropriate  
16 activities to enhance the programs of the center, including,  
17 but not limited to, coordinating and working with the world  
18 council for gifted and talented children, incorporated.

19 b. An international center endowment fund is established  
20 at the state university of Iowa and gifts and grants to the  
21 international center and investment earnings and returns on  
22 the endowment fund shall be deposited in the fund and may be  
23 expended by the state university of Iowa for the purposes for  
24 which the international center was established.

25 2. The Iowa online advanced placement academy science,  
26 technology, engineering, and mathematics initiative is  
27 established within the international center for talented and  
28 gifted education at the state university of Iowa to deliver,  
29 with an emphasis on science, technology, engineering, and  
30 mathematics coursework, preadvanced placement and advanced  
31 placement courses to high school students throughout the state,  
32 provide training opportunities for teachers to learn how to  
33 teach advanced placement courses in Iowa's high schools, and  
34 provide preparation for middle school students to ensure  
35 success in high school.

EXPLANATION

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2 This bill establishes within the international center  
3 for talented and gifted education at the state university  
4 of Iowa the Iowa online advanced placement academy STEM  
5 initiative, the purpose of which is to deliver, with an  
6 emphasis on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics  
7 coursework, preadvanced placement and advanced placement  
8 courses to high school students throughout the state, provide  
9 training opportunities for teachers to learn how to teach  
10 advanced placement courses in Iowa's high schools, and provide  
11 preparation for middle school students to ensure success in  
12 high school.