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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to core science standards adopted by the state  
2 board of education.

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

1 Section 1. Section 256.7, Code 2016, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 33. Adopt, for the school year beginning  
4 July 1, 2016, and each succeeding school year, for statewide  
5 use by school districts and accredited nonpublic schools, the  
6 Iowa core kindergarten through grade twelve science standards  
7 utilized by school districts in this state during the 2014-2015  
8 school year pursuant to section 280.3. The state board shall  
9 submit future revisions to the Iowa core science standards  
10 to the general assembly for approval, modification, or  
11 rejection, and the state board shall not adopt such revisions  
12 unless specifically authorized by a constitutional majority  
13 of each house of the general assembly and approved by the  
14 governor. The state board shall not adopt, approve, or permit  
15 implementation by school districts of the next generation  
16 science standards.

17 EXPLANATION

18 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
19 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

20 This bill directs the state board of education to adopt for  
21 statewide use by school districts and accredited nonpublic  
22 schools, for the school year beginning July 1, 2016, and each  
23 succeeding school year, the Iowa core kindergarten through  
24 grade 12 science standards utilized by school districts in this  
25 state during the 2014-2015 school year.

26 Further, the bill prohibits the state board from adopting  
27 any future revision to the Iowa core science standards unless  
28 specifically authorized by a constitutional majority of each  
29 house of the general assembly and approved by the governor;  
30 and from adopting, approving, or permitting implementation by  
31 school districts of the next generation science standards. The  
32 state board adopted the next generation science standards with  
33 some modifications on August 6, 2015.