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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to required core curriculum and twenty-first
2 century learning skills addressed in rules adopted by the
3 state board of education.

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

1 Section 1. Section 256.7, subsection 26, paragraph a,
2 subparagraph (3), Code 2015, is amended to read as follows:

3 (3) The rules establishing a core curriculum shall address
4 the core content standards in subsection 28 and the skills and
5 knowledge students need to be successful in the twenty-first
6 century and shall address the curricular needs of students
7 in kindergarten through grade twelve in those areas. The
8 core curriculum shall include ~~social studies and twenty-first~~
9 century learning skills which shall include but are not limited
10 to the following:

11 (a) Social studies, civic literacy, health literacy,
12 technology literacy, financial literacy, and employability
13 ~~skills; and shall address the curricular needs of students in~~
14 ~~kindergarten through grade twelve in those areas. The state~~
15 ~~board shall further define the twenty-first century learning~~
16 ~~skills components by rule.~~

17 (b) Music, visual art, drama and theater, and other fine
18 and applied arts. The department shall employ a consultant
19 to oversee the development of and compliance with the fine
20 arts core curriculum and to provide guidance for professional
21 development programs, strategies, and materials based on the
22 rules adopted by the state board pursuant to this subparagraph
23 division.

24 Sec. 2. STATE MANDATE FUNDING SPECIFIED. In accordance with
25 Code section 25B.2, subsection 3, the state cost of requiring
26 compliance with any state mandate included in this Act shall
27 be paid by a school district from state school foundation aid
28 received by the school district under Code section 257.16.
29 This specification of the payment of the state cost shall be
30 deemed to meet all of the state funding-related requirements
31 of Code section 25B.2, subsection 3, and no additional state
32 funding shall be necessary for the full implementation of this
33 Act by and enforcement of this Act against all affected school
34 districts.

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EXPLANATION

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

3 This bill modifies the required core curriculum and
4 twenty-first century learning skills and knowledge that the
5 state board of education is required to address in rule.

6 Currently, the required core curriculum includes English or
7 language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies; and
8 the necessary twenty-first century learning skills include but
9 are not limited to civic literacy, health literacy, technology
10 literacy, financial literacy, and employability skills. The
11 bill requires that such core curriculum and twenty-first
12 century learning skills include music, visual art, drama and
13 theater, and other fine and applied arts. The bill also
14 requires the department of education to employ a consultant
15 to oversee the development of and compliance with the fine
16 arts core curriculum and to provide guidance for professional
17 development programs, strategies, and materials based on
18 the rules relating to the fine arts core curriculum and the
19 twenty-first century fine arts learning skills adopted by the
20 state board.

21 The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code
22 section 25B.3. The bill requires that the state cost of
23 any state mandate included in the bill be paid by a school
24 district from state school foundation aid received by the
25 school district under Code section 257.16. The specification
26 is deemed to constitute state compliance with any state mandate
27 funding-related requirements of Code section 25B.2. The
28 inclusion of this specification is intended to reinstate the
29 requirement of political subdivisions to comply with any state
30 mandates included in the bill.