

**House File 324 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act establishing an energy efficiency training curriculum  
2 applicable to designated school district employees.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 297.7A Energy efficiency training  
2 curriculum established.

3 1. The department of education, in coordination with  
4 the economic development authority and the utilities board  
5 of the utilities division of the department of commerce,  
6 shall establish an energy efficiency training curriculum.  
7 The objective of the curriculum shall be to encourage the  
8 development and application of technical expertise in  
9 maximizing the utilization of energy efficiency equipment  
10 and making structural upgrades to existing school buildings  
11 by school district maintenance and operations personnel.  
12 Additionally, the curriculum shall educate school district  
13 maintenance and operations personnel in energy-efficient  
14 cleaning product utilization; heating, cooling, and lighting  
15 efficiency and conservation; and recycling practices and  
16 techniques. The curriculum shall be available to any school  
17 district electing to receive it, and shall be delivered in a  
18 form and manner as determined by the department by rule.  
19 2. The department shall submit a report by January 1  
20 annually regarding the results of the establishment of the  
21 training curriculum to the general assembly.

22 EXPLANATION

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

25 This bill establishes an energy efficiency training  
26 curriculum applicable to designated school district employees.

27 The bill directs the department of education, in  
28 coordination with the economic development authority and the  
29 Iowa utilities board, to establish the curriculum with the  
30 objective of encouraging the development and application of  
31 technical expertise in maximizing the utilization of energy  
32 efficiency equipment and making structural upgrades to  
33 existing school buildings by school district maintenance and  
34 operations personnel. Additionally, the bill specifies that  
35 the curriculum shall educate school district maintenance and

1 operations personnel in energy-efficient cleaning product  
2 utilization; heating, cooling, and lighting efficiency and  
3 conservation; and recycling practices and techniques. The bill  
4 provides that the curriculum shall be available to any school  
5 district electing to receive it, and shall be delivered in a  
6 form and manner as determined by the department by rule.

7 The bill requires the department to submit a report by  
8 January 1 annually regarding the results of the establishment  
9 of the training curriculum to the general assembly.