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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to statewide assessments of student progress
2 utilizing core academic indicators and including effective
3 date provisions.

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

1 Section 1. Section 256.7, subsection 21, paragraph b,
2 subparagraphs (2) and (3), Code 2016, are amended by striking
3 the subparagraphs.

4 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of
5 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

6 EXPLANATION

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

9 Current law requires that the state board of education
10 provide in rule for a set of core academic indicators in
11 mathematics and reading in grades 4, 8, and 11, and for science
12 in grades 8 and 11, and that the Iowa assessments, used by
13 school districts in the school year beginning July 1, 2011, be
14 used for this purpose.

15 This bill strikes a requirement that the state board's rules
16 provide that for the school year beginning July 1, 2016, and
17 each succeeding school year, all students enrolled in school
18 districts in grades 3 through 11 shall be administered an
19 assessment during the last quarter of the school year that
20 assesses student progress on the core academic indicators.
21 The provision also requires that the assessment used after
22 July 1, 2016, at a minimum be aligned with the Iowa common
23 core standards in both content and rigor; accurately describe
24 student achievement and growth for purposes of the school, the
25 school district, and state accountability systems; and provide
26 valid, reliable, and fair measures of student progress toward
27 college or career readiness.

28 The bill also strikes a Code provision that requires the
29 director of the department of education to establish an
30 assessment task force to review and make recommendations
31 for a statewide assessment of student progress on the core
32 academic indicators. The Iowa assessment task force submitted
33 its findings and recommendations in a report to the general
34 assembly on December 31, 2014.

35 The bill takes effect upon enactment.