

**Senate File 2362 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE 2362  
BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3179)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act establishing requirements relating to the use  
2 and identification of open educational resources by  
3 postsecondary educational institutions.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 260C.14, Code 2018, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 25. Identify the courses that will utilize  
4 open educational resources where the community college provides  
5 information or mechanisms for course registration, which  
6 may be on the internet. For purposes of this section, "*open*  
7 *educational resources*" means materials used to support education  
8 that are in the public domain or are under an open license and  
9 that may be freely accessed, reused, modified, and shared,  
10 including but not limited to instructional materials, tests,  
11 course syllabi, and textbooks.

12 Sec. 2. Section 261.2, subsection 11, Code 2018, is amended  
13 to read as follows:

14 11. Require any postsecondary institution whose students  
15 are eligible for or who receive financial assistance under  
16 programs administered by the commission to ~~transmit~~ do all of  
17 the following:

18 a. Transmit annually to the commission information about the  
19 numbers of minority students enrolled in and minority faculty  
20 members employed at the institution. The commission shall  
21 compile and report the information collected to the general  
22 assembly, the governor, and the legislative services agency by  
23 March 1 annually.

24 b. Identify the courses that will utilize open educational  
25 resources, as defined in section 260C.14, subsection 25, where  
26 the institution provides information or mechanisms for course  
27 registration, which may be on the internet.

28 Sec. 3. Section 262.9, Code 2018, is amended by adding the  
29 following new subsection:

30 NEW SUBSECTION. 39. Direct each institution of higher  
31 learning under its control to identify the courses that will  
32 utilize open educational resources, as defined in section  
33 260C.14, subsection 25, where the institution provides  
34 information or mechanisms for course registration, which may be  
35 on the internet. In addition, each institution shall develop

1 and implement, upon receiving board approval, a five-year plan  
2 to increase the number of courses utilizing open educational  
3 resources. The plan shall include metrics and goals for the  
4 percentage of courses that utilize open educational resources.  
5 Prior to approving a plan under this subsection, the board  
6 shall determine whether the plan is sustainable beyond the  
7 initial five-year implementation and whether the plan will  
8 effectively reduce students' textbook and instructional  
9 materials costs.

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EXPLANATION

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

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This bill establishes requirements relating to the use  
and identification of open educational resources by Iowa's  
postsecondary institutions.

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Community colleges, postsecondary institutions whose  
students receive financial assistance administered by the  
college student aid commission, and regents universities  
are directed to identify the courses that will utilize  
open educational resources, where the institution provides  
information on mechanisms for course registration, which may  
be on the internet. Open educational resources are defined  
as materials used to support education that are in the public  
domain or are under an open license and that may be freely  
accessed, reused, modified, and shared, including but not  
limited to instructional materials, tests, course syllabi, and  
textbooks.

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In addition, regents universities must develop and  
implement, upon receiving state board of regents approval, a  
five-year plan to increase the number of courses utilizing open  
educational materials.