

Senate Study Bill 3088 - Introduced

SENATE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE
ON EDUCATION BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON SINCLAIR)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to community college accreditation.
- 2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 260C.36, subsection 4, paragraph a, Code
2 2018, is amended by striking the paragraph.

3 Sec. 2. Section 260C.47, Code 2018, is amended by striking
4 the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

5 **260C.47 Accreditation of community colleges — programs.**

6 Each community college shall be accredited by the higher
7 learning commission. In addition, specific programs offered by
8 the community college may be accredited by other accrediting
9 agencies.

10 Sec. 3. REPEAL. Section 260C.48, Code 2018, is repealed.

11 EXPLANATION

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

14 This bill eliminates the state accreditation process for
15 community colleges established by the state board of education
16 and implemented by the department of education in accordance
17 with Code sections 260C.47 and 260C.48. The process was
18 required to be integrated with the accreditation process of the
19 higher learning commission. The bill continues the requirement
20 that community colleges be accredited by the higher learning
21 commission and provides that specific programs offered by
22 the community college may be accredited by other accrediting
23 agencies.