

Senate Study Bill 3179 - Introduced

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE
ON EDUCATION BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON SINCLAIR)

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 in each course catalog
4 published by the community college the courses that will
5 utilize open educational resources. For purposes of this
6 section, "*open educational resources*" means materials used to
7 support education that are in the public domain or are under an
8 open license and that may be freely accessed, reused, modified,
9 and shared, including but not limited to instructional
10 materials, tests, course syllabi, and textbooks.

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

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

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

23 b. Identify in each course catalog published by the
24 institution the courses that will utilize open educational
25 resources, as defined in section 260C.14, subsection 25.

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

28 NEW SUBSECTION. 39. Direct each institution of higher
29 learning under its control to identify in each course catalog
30 published by the institution the courses that will utilize open
31 educational resources as defined in section 260C.14, subsection
32 25. In addition, each institution shall develop and implement,
33 upon receiving board approval, a five-year plan to increase
34 the number of courses utilizing open educational resources.
35 The plan shall include metrics and goals for the percentage

1 of courses that utilize open educational resources. Prior
2 to approving a plan under this subsection, the board shall
3 determine whether the plan is sustainable beyond the initial
4 five-year implementation and whether the plan will effectively
5 reduce students' textbook and instructional materials costs.

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

12 Community colleges, postsecondary institutions whose
13 students receive financial assistance administered by the
14 college student aid commission, and regents universities are
15 directed to identify in each course catalog published by each
16 such institution the courses that will utilize open educational
17 resources, which are defined as materials used to support
18 education that are in the public domain or are under an open
19 license and that may be freely accessed, reused, modified, and
20 shared, including but not limited to instructional materials,
21 tests, course syllabi, and textbooks.

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