

**House File 2072 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act prohibiting the adoption of statewide core social  
2 studies standards by the state board of education and  
3 providing for related matters.

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

1 Section 1. Section 256.7, subsection 26, paragraph a,  
2 unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2020, is amended to read as  
3 follows:

4 Adopt rules that establish a core curriculum and high school  
5 graduation requirements for all students in school districts  
6 and accredited nonpublic schools that include at a minimum  
7 satisfactory completion of four years of English and language  
8 arts, three years of mathematics, three years of science, and  
9 three years of social studies. The state board shall not  
10 adopt, and the department shall not authorize or require,  
11 statewide core social studies standards for kindergarten  
12 through grade twelve. This prohibition shall not be construed  
13 to limit the state board's or the department's authority  
14 relating to the accreditation of school districts and nonpublic  
15 schools under section 256.11.

16 Sec. 2. Section 256.7, subsection 26, paragraph a,  
17 subparagraph (3), Code 2020, is amended to read as follows:

18 (3) The rules establishing a core curriculum shall address  
19 the core content standards in **subsection 28** and the skills and  
20 knowledge students need to be successful in the twenty-first  
21 century. The core curriculum shall include ~~social studies and~~  
22 twenty-first century learning skills which include, including  
23 ~~but are~~ not limited to civic literacy, health literacy,  
24 technology literacy, financial literacy, family life and  
25 consumer sciences, and employability skills; and shall address  
26 the curricular needs of students in kindergarten through grade  
27 twelve in those areas. The state board shall further define  
28 the twenty-first century learning skills components by rule.

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#### EXPLANATION

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

32 This bill prohibits the state board of education from  
33 adopting, and the department of education from authorizing  
34 or requiring, statewide core social studies standards for  
35 kindergarten through grade 12.