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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the Iowa core standards for social studies
2 and providing for regular review and revision of the
3 standards and related administrative rules.

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

1 Section 1. Section 256.7, subsection 26, paragraph a, Code
2 2020, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

3 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (5) By July 1, 2021, the rules
4 establishing the Iowa core standards for social studies for
5 kindergarten through grade twelve shall include the history,
6 contributions, and perspectives of populations in accordance
7 with section 256.9, subsection 60.

8 Sec. 2. Section 256.9, Code 2020, is amended by adding the
9 following new subsection:

10 NEW SUBSECTION. 60. a. By May 1, 2021, review and revise
11 the Iowa core standards to ensure that the content anchor
12 standards for United States history, geography, economics,
13 civics, and government include the histories, contributions,
14 and perspectives of all of the following populations:

15 (1) Native Americans.

16 (2) People of African, Asian, Pacific Islander, Hispanic,
17 Latino, or Middle Eastern heritage.

18 (3) Women.

19 (4) Persons with disabilities.

20 (5) Immigrants or refugees.

21 (6) Persons who are or who identify as lesbian, gay,
22 bisexual, or transgender.

23 b. Provide technical assistance and implementation
24 strategies to school districts if revisions made pursuant to
25 this subsection require curriculum and instruction changes.

26 c. Regularly review and recommend changes as necessary to
27 the rules adopted by the state board establishing the Iowa
28 core standards for social studies pursuant to section 256.7,
29 subsection 26, paragraph "a", subparagraph (5), and section
30 256.7, subsection 28.

31 Sec. 3. STATE MANDATE FUNDING SPECIFIED. In accordance
32 with section 25B.2, subsection 3, the state cost of requiring
33 compliance with any state mandate included in this Act shall
34 be paid by a school district from state school foundation aid
35 received by the school district under section 257.16. This

1 specification of the payment of the state cost shall be deemed
2 to meet all of the state funding-related requirements of
3 section 25B.2, subsection 3, and no additional state funding
4 shall be necessary for the full implementation of this Act
5 by and enforcement of this Act against all affected school
6 districts.

7 EXPLANATION

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

10 This bill requires the director of the department of
11 education to review and revise the Iowa core standards for
12 social studies by May 1, 2021, and requires the state board
13 of education to adopt rules by July 1, 2021, based on the
14 director's revisions.

15 The director must ensure that the content anchor standards
16 for United States history, geography, economics, civics,
17 and government include the histories, contributions, and
18 perspectives of Native Americans; people of African, Asian,
19 Pacific Islander, Hispanic, Latino, or Middle Eastern heritage;
20 women; persons with disabilities; immigrants or refugees; and
21 persons who are or who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or
22 transgender.

23 The director must also provide technical assistance and
24 implementation strategies to school districts if the revisions
25 require curriculum and instruction changes.

26 The director is further tasked with regularly reviewing and
27 recommending administrative rule changes as necessary relating
28 to the Iowa core standards for social studies.

29 The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code
30 section 25B.3. The bill requires that the state cost of
31 any state mandate included in the bill be paid by a school
32 district from state school foundation aid received by the
33 school district under Code section 257.16. The specification
34 is deemed to constitute state compliance with any state mandate
35 funding-related requirements of Code section 25B.2. The

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1 inclusion of this specification is intended to reinstate the
2 requirement of political subdivisions to comply with any state
3 mandates included in the bill.