

House Study Bill 688 - Introduced

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
STATE GOVERNMENT BILL BY
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to career and technical education programs
2 offered by a community college and by other private
3 educational or vocational institutions in the merged area.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 260C.14, subsection 1, Code 2020, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. Determine the curriculum to be offered in such school or
4 college subject to approval of the director and ensure that all
5 career and technical education offerings are competency-based,
6 provide any minimum competencies required by the department of
7 education, comply with any applicable requirements in chapter
8 258, and are articulated with local school district career
9 and technical education programs. If an existing private
10 educational institution or an existing vocational institution
11 offering a career and technical education program within the
12 merged area has facilities and curriculum of adequate size and
13 quality which would duplicate the functions of the area school,
14 the board of directors shall ~~discuss with the institution the~~
15 ~~possibility of entering into contracts to have the existing~~
16 ~~institution offer facilities and curriculum to students of~~
17 ~~the merged area. The board of directors shall consider any~~
18 ~~proposals submitted by the private institution for providing~~
19 ~~such facilities and curriculum. The board of directors~~
20 ~~may enter into such contracts. In approving curriculum,~~
21 ~~the director shall ascertain that all courses and programs~~
22 ~~submitted for approval are needed and that the curriculum~~
23 ~~being offered by an area school does not duplicate programs~~
24 ~~provided by existing public or private facilities in the area.~~
25 ~~In determining whether duplication would actually exist, the~~
26 ~~director shall consider the needs of the area and consider~~
27 ~~whether the proposed programs are competitive as to size,~~
28 ~~quality, tuition, purposes, and area coverage with existing~~
29 ~~public and private educational or vocational institutions~~
30 ~~within the merged area. If the board of directors of the~~
31 ~~merged area chooses not to enter into contracts with private~~
32 ~~institutions under this subsection, the board shall submit a~~
33 ~~list of reasons why contracts to avoid duplication were not~~
34 ~~entered into and an economic impact statement relating to the~~
35 ~~board's decision not duplicate an existing program offered by~~

1 a private educational institution or vocational institution
2 unless it is clearly shown that the program offered by the
3 private educational institution or vocational institution is
4 not meeting the educational needs in the merged area.

5 EXPLANATION

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

8 This bill provides that if an existing private educational
9 institution or an existing vocational institution offers a
10 career and technical education program within the area in which
11 a community college is located, and the private or vocational
12 institution has facilities and curriculum of adequate size and
13 quality which would duplicate the functions of the community
14 college, the community college shall not duplicate the program
15 offered by a private educational institution or vocational
16 institution unless it is clearly shown that the program offered
17 by the private or vocational institution is not meeting the
18 educational needs of the area.

19 The bill eliminates language requiring that the board of
20 directors of the community college discuss with the private
21 or vocational institution the possibility of entering into
22 contracts to offer facilities and curriculum to community
23 college students, directing the board to consider such a
24 proposal offered by another institution, authorizing the board
25 to enter into such contracts, and requiring the board to submit
26 its reasons for not entering into such a contract and submit
27 an economic impact statement. Also eliminated is language
28 requiring the director of the department of education to
29 ascertain that all courses and programs are needed and that the
30 curriculum offered by a community college does not duplicate
31 programs provided by existing public or private facilities in
32 the area, and specifying what the director must consider in
33 making such an assessment.