

Senate File 488 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 488
BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1163)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act authorizing use of concurrent enrollment programs for
2 teaching certain subjects required under the educational
3 standards and making an appropriation to fund enrollment
4 of pupils under concurrent enrollment program agreements
5 between certain accredited nonpublic schools and community
6 colleges.

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

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DIVISION I

CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT WEIGHTING AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE
EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS

Section 1. Section 257.11, subsection 3, paragraph b, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2019, is amended to read as follows:

If the school budget review committee certifies to the department of management that the class would not otherwise be implemented without the assignment of additional weighting, pupils attending a community college-offered class or attending a class taught by a community college-employed instructor are assigned a weighting of the percentage of the pupil's school day during which the pupil attends class in the community college or attends a class taught by a community college-employed instructor times seventy hundredths for career and technical courses or ~~forty-six~~ fifty hundredths for liberal arts and sciences courses. The following requirements shall be met for the purposes of assigning an additional weighting for classes offered through a sharing agreement between a school district and community college. The class must be:

Sec. 2. Section 257.11, subsection 3, paragraph c, Code 2019, is amended to read as follows:

c. Notwithstanding paragraph "b", subparagraph (1), a school district that otherwise meets the requirements of this subsection may enter into a sharing agreement with a community college under which the community college may offer, or provide a community college-employed instructor to teach, one of the science and one of the mathematics units specified under section 256.11, subsection 5, and one or more classes units in only one of the six career and technical education service areas specified in section 256.11, subsection 5, paragraph "h", ~~and the pupils.~~ Pupils enrolled in such a class unit in accordance with this paragraph shall be assigned additional weighting in accordance with this subsection if the number of pupils enrolled in such a class unit exceeds five and the

1 school district's total enrollment does not exceed six hundred
2 pupils. A school district that enters into a sharing agreement
3 with a community college under this paragraph to provide a
4 unit of science or mathematics specified in section 256.11,
5 subsection 5, paragraph "a", "d", or "e", shall be deemed to
6 have met the requirement that the school district teach such
7 a unit under the educational standards of section 256.11,
8 subsection 5, paragraph "a", "d", or "e".

9 Sec. 3. Section 261E.2, Code 2019, is amended by adding the
10 following new subsections:

11 NEW SUBSECTION. 05. "*Full-time*" means enrollment at
12 any one eligible postsecondary institution through a school
13 district or accredited nonpublic school in twenty-four or more
14 postsecondary credit hours per academic year, exclusive of
15 summer terms. Enrollment in a course or courses that result in
16 credit hours in excess of the part-time limit shall be subject
17 to applicable provisions of this chapter including section
18 261E.6 or 261E.8, except that the cost of enrollment shall be
19 the responsibility of the student, or parent or legal guardian
20 of the student. The provisions of section 257.11, subsection
21 3, and section 261E.7 do not apply to such enrollments.

22 NEW SUBSECTION. 06. "*Part-time*" means enrollment at any
23 one eligible postsecondary institution under section 261E.6 or
24 261E.8 in no more than twenty-three postsecondary credit hours
25 per academic year, exclusive of any summer terms.

26 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. **279.50A Educational standards —**
27 **agreements for mathematics, science, and career and technical**
28 **education units.**

29 1. If a school district's total enrollment exceeds six
30 hundred pupils, the school district may enter into an agreement
31 with a community college under which the community college may
32 offer, or provide a community college-employed instructor to
33 teach, one of the units specified in section 256.11, subsection
34 5, paragraph "a", one of the units specified in section 256.11,
35 subsection 5, paragraph "d" or "e", and one or more units in

1 only one of the six career and technical education service
2 areas specified in section 256.11, subsection 5, paragraph
3 "h", and if the unit of coursework under the agreement meets
4 the requirements specified in section 257.11, subsection 3,
5 paragraph "b", subparagraphs (2) through (7), the unit offered
6 shall be deemed to meet the education program requirement
7 for a unit of mathematics, science, or career and technical
8 education, as applicable, under section 256.11, subsection 5,
9 paragraph "a", "d", "e", or "h".

10 2. Pupils enrolled in a unit of coursework offered pursuant
11 to subsection 1 are not eligible for supplementary weighting
12 under section 257.11, subsection 3.

13 DIVISION II

14 CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT PROGRAM CONTRACTS BETWEEN ACCREDITED
15 NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES — APPROPRIATION

16 Sec. 5. Section 261E.2, subsection 1, Code 2019, is amended
17 to read as follows:

18 1. *"Concurrent enrollment"* means any course offered to
19 students in grades nine through twelve during the regular
20 school year approved by the board of directors of a school
21 district through a contractual agreement between a community
22 college and the school district that meets the provisions
23 of [section 257.11, subsection 3](#). *"Concurrent enrollment"*
24 also means any course offered to students in grades nine
25 through twelve during the regular school year approved by the
26 authorities in charge of an accredited nonpublic school through
27 a contract with a community college in accordance with section
28 261E.8, subsection 2, paragraph "b".

29 Sec. 6. Section 261E.8, subsection 2, Code 2019, is amended
30 to read as follows:

31 2. a. Students from accredited nonpublic schools and
32 students receiving competent private instruction or independent
33 private instruction under [chapter 299A](#) may access the program
34 through the school district in which the accredited nonpublic
35 school or private institution is located.

1 b. (1) Students from accredited nonpublic schools may
2 also access the program if the accredited nonpublic school in
3 which the students are enrolled meets the requirements of this
4 section and section 257.11, subsection 3, as if the accredited
5 nonpublic school were a school district, and enters into a
6 contract with a community college that meets the requirements
7 of this section and section 257.11, subsection 3, for the
8 provision of academic or career and technical coursework to
9 high school students enrolled in the accredited nonpublic
10 school. A student who wishes to participate in the program
11 must make application to the accredited nonpublic school
12 and the community college in the manner established under
13 subsection 3 and meet the requirements of this section.

14 (2) An accredited nonpublic school that provides units of
15 mathematics, science, and career and technical education under
16 an agreement that meets the requirements of subparagraph (1)
17 shall be deemed to have met the education program requirement
18 for the units of mathematics, science, and career and technical
19 education provided, as applicable, under section 256.11,
20 subsection 5, paragraph "a", "d", "e", or "h".

21 (a) A student enrolled in a unit of coursework provided
22 under this subparagraph shall be counted as if the student
23 was assigned a weighting under section 257.11, subsection 3,
24 paragraph "b", in determining the amount calculated and paid to
25 a community college under subparagraph (4) if the accredited
26 nonpublic school is accredited under the standards required of
27 a school district pursuant to section 256.11, subsection 5, the
28 number of students enrolled in a class used to meet the unit
29 requirement exceeds five, and the accredited nonpublic school's
30 total enrollment in grades nine through twelve does not exceed
31 two hundred pupils.

32 (b) A student enrolled in a unit of coursework provided
33 under this subparagraph is not eligible to be counted as if
34 the student was assigned a weighting under section 257.11,
35 subsection 3, paragraph "b", in determining the amount

1 calculated and paid to a community college under subparagraph
2 (4) if the accredited nonpublic school's total enrollment in
3 grades nine through twelve exceeds two hundred pupils.

4 (3) A community college that enters into a contract as
5 provided in this paragraph shall submit to the department,
6 during the fall and spring semesters, or the equivalent, a
7 list of the accredited nonpublic school students enrolled for
8 the semester, or the equivalent, who are participating in the
9 program. The community college and the accredited nonpublic
10 school shall verify to the department that the accredited
11 nonpublic school and the coursework provided under this
12 paragraph meet the requirements of this section and section
13 257.11, subsection 3, and shall provide to the department data
14 and information elements as required under subsection 8 by
15 rule.

16 (4) The department shall calculate, using the state cost
17 per pupil, and pay to a community college for each semester
18 in which a student is concurrently enrolled in the community
19 college in accordance with this paragraph "b" an amount
20 equivalent to the amount a school district would receive if
21 the student was assigned a weighting under section 257.11,
22 subsection 3, paragraph "b". For each fiscal year beginning
23 on or after July 1, 2019, there is appropriated from the
24 general fund of the state to the department of education an
25 amount necessary to make payments to community colleges for
26 the concurrent enrollment of accredited nonpublic school
27 students under this section, as calculated in accordance
28 with this paragraph. A community college shall decrease
29 the amount billed to the accredited nonpublic school by the
30 amount calculated and paid to the community college from the
31 department in accordance with this paragraph.

32 EXPLANATION

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

35 This bill authorizes school districts with enrollments of

1 600 or fewer pupils to utilize concurrent enrollment programs
2 to meet the requirements for science and mathematics units
3 under the educational standards; allows school districts with
4 enrollments over 600 pupils to enter into an agreement with
5 a community college to meet the requirements for science,
6 mathematics, and career and technical education units under the
7 educational standards; and allows accredited nonpublic schools
8 to enter into concurrent enrollment contracts with community
9 colleges for the provision of academic or career and technical
10 coursework for high school students and provides for a standing
11 unlimited appropriation to fund the enrollment of accredited
12 nonpublic school pupils under concurrent enrollment contracts
13 between certain accredited nonpublic schools and community
14 colleges. The bill is organized in divisions.

15 Division I of the bill provides an additional exception
16 to a provision that limits concurrent enrollment programs to
17 courses that supplement, rather than supplant, high school
18 units required to be offered and taught under the state's
19 educational standards. The educational standards require
20 accredited schools to offer and teach five units of science
21 and six units of mathematics. The new exemption allows one of
22 these science units and one of these mathematics units to be
23 offered and taught under a sharing agreement with a community
24 college if the number of pupils enrolled in such a unit exceeds
25 5 and the school district's total enrollment does not exceed
26 600 pupils. A school district that meets these requirements
27 and offers a unit of science or mathematics under a sharing
28 agreement with a community college shall be deemed to have met
29 the requirement that the school district teach such a unit
30 under the educational standards.

31 Under Code section 257.11(3), pupils enrolled in such
32 classes are assigned additional supplementary weighting. The
33 per pupil amount of supplementary weighting for liberal arts
34 and sciences courses is increased from 0.46 to 0.50.

35 Pupils enrolled in a school district with an enrollment

1 over 600 pupils that enters into an agreement with a community
2 college to meet a science, mathematics, or a career and
3 technical education requirement under the educational standards
4 may be deemed to have met those educational standards,
5 but are ineligible for supplementary weighting under the
6 district-to-community college sharing and concurrent enrollment
7 programs.

8 The bill adds definitions for "full-time" and "part-time"
9 enrollment to Code chapter 261E, relating to the senior
10 year plus program, which includes but is not limited to the
11 concurrent enrollment program and the postsecondary enrollment
12 options program. Under the definitions, the costs for
13 enrollment in coursework in excess of that allowed under those
14 programs shall be the responsibility of the student or parent
15 or legal guardian of the student. "Full-time" means enrollment
16 in 24 or more postsecondary credit hours per academic year and
17 "part-time" means enrollment in no more than 23 postsecondary
18 credit hours per academic year, exclusive of any summer terms.

19 Division II of the bill expands the definition of
20 "concurrent enrollment" for the senior year plus program to
21 include academic and career and technical courses offered to
22 students enrolled in an accredited nonpublic school under a
23 contract with a community college.

24 Similar to the exemption in Division I for school districts,
25 the division provides an exemption to an accredited nonpublic
26 school to enter into an agreement to provide career and
27 technical, science, and mathematics courses that meet unit
28 requirements under the state's educational standards.

29 Students enrolled under such an agreement shall be counted
30 as if the student was assigned a concurrent enrollment
31 weighting under Code section 257.11(3)(b), in determining the
32 amount calculated and paid to a community college, if the
33 accredited nonpublic school is accredited under the standards
34 required of a school district pursuant to Code section
35 256.11(5), the number of students enrolled in a class used

1 to meet the unit requirement exceeds 5, and the accredited
2 nonpublic school's total enrollment in grades 9-12 does not
3 exceed 200 pupils. Students are not eligible to be counted for
4 purposes of calculating the amount to be paid to the community
5 college if their school's enrollment in grades 9-12 exceeds
6 200.

7 The division requires the community college that enters
8 into a contract to provide the department with a list of
9 the accredited nonpublic school students enrolled, and to
10 verify that the coursework meets concurrent enrollment program
11 requirements. The department is directed to calculate, using
12 the state cost per pupil, and pay to the community college an
13 amount equivalent to the amount of supplementary weighting a
14 school district would receive for enrolling such students.

15 The division establishes a standing, unlimited appropriation
16 for each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2019, from
17 the general fund of the state to the department of education,
18 in an amount necessary to make payments to community colleges
19 for the concurrent enrollment of accredited nonpublic school
20 students under a contract.

21 Community colleges are directed to decrease the amount
22 billed to the accredited nonpublic school by the amount
23 calculated and paid to the community college from the
24 department.