

Senate File 603 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 488)
(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, and including retroactive applicability
7 provisions.

8 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 in accordance with 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 accordance with 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

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

1 one or more units in only one of the six career and technical
2 education service areas in accordance with section 256.11,
3 subsection 5, paragraph "h", and if the unit of coursework
4 under the agreement meets the requirements specified in section
5 257.11, subsection 3, paragraph "b", subparagraphs (2) through
6 (7), the unit offered shall be deemed to meet the education
7 program requirement for a unit of mathematics, science, or
8 career and technical education, as applicable, under section
9 256.11, subsection 5, 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 Sec. 5. RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY. The following applies
14 retroactively to July 1, 2018, for a school district that
15 entered into an agreement with a community college for
16 coursework that meets the requirements of section 279.50A, as
17 enacted by this division of this Act:

18 The section of this division of this Act enacting section
19 279.50A.

20 DIVISION II

21 CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT PROGRAM CONTRACTS BETWEEN ACCREDITED
22 NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES — APPROPRIATION

23 Sec. 6. Section 261E.2, subsection 1, Code 2019, is amended
24 to read as follows:

25 1. "*Concurrent enrollment*" means any course offered to
26 students in grades nine through twelve during the regular
27 school year approved by the board of directors of a school
28 district through a contractual agreement between a community
29 college and the school district that meets the provisions
30 of [section 257.11, subsection 3](#). "*Concurrent enrollment*"
31 also means any course offered to students in grades nine
32 through twelve during the regular school year approved by the
33 authorities in charge of an accredited nonpublic school through
34 a contract with a community college in accordance with section
35 261E.8, subsection 2, paragraph "b".

1 Sec. 7. Section 261E.8, subsection 2, Code 2019, is amended
2 to read as follows:

3 2. a. Students from accredited nonpublic schools and
4 students receiving competent private instruction or independent
5 private instruction under [chapter 299A](#) may access the program
6 through the school district in which the accredited nonpublic
7 school or private institution is located.

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

21 (2) An accredited nonpublic school that provides units of
22 mathematics, science, and career and technical education under
23 an agreement that meets the requirements of subparagraph (1)
24 shall be deemed to have met the education program requirement
25 for the units of mathematics, science, and career and technical
26 education provided, as applicable, under section 256.11,
27 subsection 5, paragraph "a", "d", "e", or "h".

28 (a) A student enrolled in a unit of coursework provided
29 under this subparagraph shall be counted as if the student
30 was assigned a weighting under section 257.11, subsection 3,
31 paragraph "b", in determining the amount calculated and paid to
32 a community college under subparagraph (4) if the accredited
33 nonpublic school is accredited under the standards required of
34 a school district pursuant to section 256.11, subsection 5, the
35 number of students enrolled in a class used to meet the unit

1 requirement exceeds five, and the accredited nonpublic school's
2 total enrollment in grades nine through twelve does not exceed
3 two hundred pupils.

4 (b) A student enrolled in a unit of coursework provided
5 under this subparagraph is not eligible to be counted as if
6 the student was assigned a weighting under section 257.11,
7 subsection 3, paragraph "b", in determining the amount
8 calculated and paid to a community college under subparagraph
9 (4) if the accredited nonpublic school's total enrollment in
10 grades nine through twelve exceeds two hundred pupils.

11 (3) A community college that enters into a contract as
12 provided in this paragraph shall submit to the department,
13 during the fall and spring semesters, or the equivalent, a
14 list of the accredited nonpublic school students enrolled for
15 the semester, or the equivalent, who are participating in the
16 program. The community college and the accredited nonpublic
17 school shall verify to the department that the accredited
18 nonpublic school and the coursework provided under this
19 paragraph meet the requirements of this section and section
20 257.11, subsection 3, and shall provide to the department data
21 and information elements as required under subsection 8 by
22 rule.

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

1 amount billed to the accredited nonpublic school by the amount
2 calculated and paid to the community college by the department
3 in accordance with this paragraph.

4 EXPLANATION

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

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

22 Division I of the bill provides an additional exception
23 to a provision that limits concurrent enrollment programs to
24 courses that supplement, rather than supplant, high school
25 units required to be offered and taught under the state's
26 educational standards. The educational standards require
27 accredited schools to offer and teach five units of science
28 and six units of mathematics. The new exemption allows one of
29 these science units and one of these mathematics units to be
30 offered and taught under a sharing agreement with a community
31 college if the number of pupils enrolled in such a unit exceeds
32 5 and the school district's total enrollment does not exceed
33 600 pupils. A school district that meets these requirements
34 and offers a unit of science or mathematics under a sharing
35 agreement with a community college shall be deemed to have met

1 the requirement that the school district teach such a unit
2 under the educational standards.

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

7 Pupils enrolled in a school district with an enrollment
8 over 600 pupils that enters into an agreement with a community
9 college to meet a science, mathematics, or a career and
10 technical education requirement under the educational standards
11 may be deemed to have met those educational standards,
12 but are ineligible for supplementary weighting under the
13 district-to-community college sharing and concurrent enrollment
14 programs. This provision is retroactively applicable to
15 July 1, 2018, for a school district that enters into such an
16 agreement with a community college for such coursework.

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

28 Division II of the bill expands the definition of
29 "concurrent enrollment" for the senior year plus program to
30 include academic and career and technical courses offered to
31 students enrolled in an accredited nonpublic school under a
32 contract with a community college.

33 Similar to the exemption in Division I for school districts,
34 the division provides an exemption to an accredited nonpublic
35 school to enter into an agreement to provide career and

1 technical, science, and mathematics courses that meet unit
2 requirements under the state's educational standards.

3 Students enrolled under such an agreement shall be counted
4 as if the student was assigned a concurrent enrollment
5 weighting under Code section 257.11(3)(b), in determining the
6 amount calculated and paid to a community college, if the
7 accredited nonpublic school is accredited under the standards
8 required of a school district pursuant to Code section
9 256.11(5), the number of students enrolled in a class used
10 to meet the unit requirement exceeds 5, and the accredited
11 nonpublic school's total enrollment in grades 9-12 does not
12 exceed 200 pupils. Students are not eligible to be counted for
13 purposes of calculating the amount to be paid to the community
14 college if their school's enrollment in grades 9-12 exceeds
15 200.

16 The division requires the community college that enters
17 into a contract to provide the department with a list of
18 the accredited nonpublic school students enrolled, and to
19 verify that the coursework meets concurrent enrollment program
20 requirements. The department is directed to calculate, using
21 the state cost per pupil, and pay to the community college an
22 amount equivalent to the amount of supplementary weighting a
23 school district would receive for enrolling such students.

24 The division establishes a standing, unlimited appropriation
25 for each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2019, from
26 the general fund of the state to the department of education,
27 in an amount necessary to make payments to community colleges
28 for the concurrent enrollment of accredited nonpublic school
29 students under a contract. Community colleges are directed to
30 decrease the amount billed to the accredited nonpublic school
31 by the amount calculated and paid to the community college by
32 the department.