

House File 593 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to career academies by authorizing school
2 districts and local or regional economic development
3 organizations to establish career academies and modifying
4 the definition for work-based learning offered by career
5 academies.

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

1 Section 1. Section 258.15, subsection 1, unnumbered
2 paragraph 1, Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:
3 A career academy may be established under an agreement
4 between a single school district and a community college,
5 or by multiple school districts and a community college
6 organized into a regional career and technical education
7 planning partnership pursuant to section 258.14, or by a school
8 district or a consortium of school districts and a local or
9 regional economic development organization. A career academy
10 established under this section shall be a career-oriented or
11 occupation-oriented program of study that includes a minimum
12 of two years of secondary education, which may fulfill the
13 sequential unit requirement in one of the four service areas
14 required under section 256.11, subsection 5, paragraph "h",
15 is articulated with a postsecondary education program, and is
16 approved by the director under section 258.4. A career academy
17 shall do all of the following:

18 Sec. 2. Section 258.15, subsection 1, paragraph b,
19 subparagraph (2), Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

20 (2) Integrates academic coursework, includes work-based
21 learning, and utilizes the individual career and academic
22 planning process established under section 279.61. For
23 purposes of this section, "work-based learning" means the same
24 as defined in section 258.6, but also includes high-quality
25 opportunities, experiences, and projects developed by the
26 career academy and a local or regional economic development
27 organization and may include but not be limited to simulated
28 projects, job shadowing, school-based enterprises, internships,
29 pre-apprenticeships, and apprenticeships.

30 EXPLANATION

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

33 This bill relates to career academies that may be
34 established under an agreement between a single school district
35 and a community college, or by multiple school districts and

1 a community college organized into a regional career and
2 technical education planning partnership, by adding that a
3 career academy may be established by a school district or a
4 consortium of school districts and a local or regional economic
5 development organization.

6 Currently under Code section 258.15, a career academy must
7 integrate academic coursework, include work-based learning, and
8 utilize the individual career and academic planning process
9 established in Code section 279.61. "Work-based learning" is
10 currently defined in Code chapter 258 to mean opportunities
11 and experiences that include but are not limited to tours, job
12 shadowing, rotations, mentoring, entrepreneurship, service
13 learning, internships, and apprenticeships. The bill adds that
14 for purposes of Code section 258.15, "work-based learning"
15 also includes high-quality opportunities, experiences, and
16 projects developed by the career academy and a local or
17 regional economic development organization and may include
18 but not be limited to simulated projects, job shadowing,
19 school-based enterprises, internships, pre-apprenticeships, and
20 apprenticeships.