

Senate Study Bill 3081 - Introduced

SENATE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE
ON EDUCATION BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON SINCLAIR)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the district-to-community college sharing
2 or concurrent enrollment program and the community colleges
3 through which school districts may offer courses.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 261E.8, Code 2022, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 1A. A school district shall not offer a
4 course pursuant to this section through a community college
5 located outside of the merged area in which the school district
6 is located unless the community college located in the merged
7 area in which the school district is located does not offer a
8 comparable course, as defined in rules adopted by the board of
9 directors of the school district, or unless there is a wait
10 list for the course at the community college located in the
11 merged area in which the school district is located. If a
12 school district determines that the community college located
13 in the merged area in which the school district is located
14 does not offer a comparable course, or if the school district
15 determines that there is a wait list for the course at the
16 community college located in the merged area in which the
17 school district is located, the school district may offer the
18 course pursuant to this section through a community college
19 located outside of the merged area in which the school district
20 is located without the prior approval of the community college
21 located in the merged area in which the school district is
22 located.

23 EXPLANATION

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

26 This bill relates to the district-to-community college
27 sharing or concurrent enrollment program and the community
28 colleges through which school districts may offer courses.

29 The bill provides that a school district shall not offer
30 a concurrent enrollment course through a community college
31 located outside of the merged area in which the school district
32 is located unless the community college located in the merged
33 area in which the school district is located does not offer
34 a comparable course, or unless there is a wait list for the
35 course at the community college located in the merged area in

1 which the school district is located. The bill requires the
2 board of directors of the school district to determine what
3 is a comparable course. The bill provides that if a school
4 district determines that the community college located in the
5 merged area does not offer a comparable course, or determines
6 that there is a wait list for the course at the community
7 college located in the merged area, the school district may
8 offer the course through a community college located outside
9 of the merged area without the prior approval of the community
10 college located in the merged area.