

House File 187 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to instruction provided to students enrolled in
2 school districts, accredited nonpublic schools, and charter
3 schools related to the availability of a vaccine to prevent
4 the human papilloma virus.

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

1 Section 1. Section 256.11, subsection 4, Code 2023, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 4. The following shall be taught in grades seven and
4 eight: English-language arts; social studies; mathematics;
5 science; health; age-appropriate and research-based human
6 growth and development; career exploration and development;
7 physical education; music; and visual art. Computer science
8 instruction incorporating the standards established under
9 section 256.7, subsection 26, paragraph "a", subparagraph (4),
10 shall be offered in at least one grade level commencing with
11 the school year beginning July 1, 2023. Career exploration
12 and development shall be designed so that students are
13 appropriately prepared to create an individual career
14 and academic plan pursuant to [section 279.61](#), incorporate
15 foundational career and technical education concepts aligned
16 with the six career and technical education service areas
17 as defined in [subsection 5](#), paragraph "h", and incorporate
18 relevant twenty-first century skills. The health curriculum
19 shall include age-appropriate and research-based information
20 regarding the characteristics of sexually transmitted diseases,
21 including HPV ~~and the availability of a vaccine to prevent~~
22 HPV, and acquired immune deficiency syndrome. The state board
23 as part of accreditation standards shall adopt curriculum
24 definitions for implementing the program in grades seven
25 and eight. However, [this subsection](#) shall not apply to the
26 teaching of career exploration and development in nonpublic
27 schools. For purposes of [this section](#), "age-appropriate",
28 "HPV", and "research-based" mean the same as defined in section
29 279.50.

30 Sec. 2. Section 256.11, subsection 5, paragraph j,
31 subparagraph (1), Code 2023, is amended to read as follows:

32 (1) One unit of health education which shall include
33 personal health; food and nutrition; environmental health;
34 safety and survival skills; consumer health; family life;
35 age-appropriate and research-based human growth and

1 development; substance abuse and nonuse; emotional and
2 social health; health resources; and prevention and control
3 of disease, including age-appropriate and research-based
4 information regarding sexually transmitted diseases, including
5 ~~HPV and the availability of a vaccine to prevent HPV~~, and
6 acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

7 Sec. 3. Section 279.50, subsection 2, Code 2023, is amended
8 to read as follows:

9 2. Each school board shall provide age-appropriate and
10 research-based instruction in human growth and development
11 including instruction regarding human sexuality, self-esteem,
12 stress management, interpersonal relationships, domestic
13 ~~abuse, HPV and the availability of a vaccine to prevent HPV~~,
14 and acquired immune deficiency syndrome as required in section
15 256.11, in grades one through twelve.

16 EXPLANATION

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

19 This bill relates to instruction provided to students
20 enrolled in school districts, accredited nonpublic schools, and
21 charter schools related to the availability of a vaccine to
22 prevent the human papilloma virus.

23 Current law requires that the human growth and development
24 or health curriculum provided to students enrolled in school
25 districts, accredited nonpublic schools, and charter schools
26 be both research-based and age-appropriate. Within those
27 limitations, current law also requires that the human growth
28 and development or health curriculum include information
29 regarding the availability of a vaccine to prevent human
30 papilloma virus. The bill strikes this requirement.