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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act modifying provisions related to the curriculum provided  
2 to students enrolled in grades nine through twelve by  
3 allowing instruction related to agriculture to meet a  
4 portion of the unit requirements related to science.  
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256.11, subsection 5, paragraph a, Code  
2 2024, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. Five units of science including.

4 (1) The five units of science shall include physics and  
5 chemistry, the units of physics and chemistry, which may be  
6 taught in alternate years.

7 (2) The five units of science may include instruction  
8 related to agriculture, which may be offered and taught through  
9 dedicated units of coursework or through units of coursework  
10 that also meet the requirements of the coursework required  
11 under paragraph "h", subparagraph (1), subparagraph division  
12 (a).

13 Sec. 2. Section 256E.7, subsection 2, paragraph g, Code  
14 2024, is amended to read as follows:

15 g. Be subject to and comply with the requirements of section  
16 256.7, subsection 21, and the educational standards of section  
17 256.11, unless specifically waived by the state board during  
18 the application process; provided, however, that the state  
19 board shall not waive the educational standards established  
20 in section 256.11, subsection 5, paragraph "a", related to  
21 the use of instruction related to agriculture to fulfill unit  
22 requirements related to science.

23 Sec. 3. Section 256F.4, subsection 2, Code 2024, is amended  
24 by adding the following new paragraph:

25 NEW PARAGRAPH. p. Be subject to and comply with the  
26 requirements of section 256.11, subsection 5, paragraph "a",  
27 relating to the use of instruction related to agriculture to  
28 fulfill unit requirements related to science in the same manner  
29 as a school district.

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 modifies provisions related to the curriculum  
34 provided to students enrolled in grades 9 through 12 in school  
35 districts, accredited nonpublic schools, charter schools, and

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1 innovation zone schools by allowing instruction related to  
2 agriculture to meet a portion of the unit requirements related  
3 to science. The bill provides that such instruction related to  
4 agriculture may be taught through dedicated units of coursework  
5 or through units of coursework that also meet the requirements  
6 related to agriculture, food, and natural resources instruction  
7 under the career and technical education curriculum.