

House File 2465 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2081)

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). The state board shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A
13 to implement this subparagraph.

14 Sec. 2. Section 256E.7, subsection 2, paragraph g, Code
15 2024, is amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

31 EXPLANATION

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

34 This bill modifies provisions related to the curriculum
35 provided to students enrolled in grades 9 through 12 in school

1 districts, accredited nonpublic schools, charter schools, and
2 innovation zone schools by allowing instruction related to
3 agriculture to meet a portion of the unit requirements related
4 to science. The bill provides that such instruction related to
5 agriculture may be taught through dedicated units of coursework
6 or through units of coursework that also meet the requirements
7 related to agriculture, food, and natural resources instruction
8 under the career and technical education curriculum. The
9 bill requires the state board of education to adopt rules to
10 implement the bill's provisions.