

**House File 2091 - Introduced**

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BY FISHER

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to fraudulent practices involving academic  
2 credentials and providing penalties.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

unofficial

1 Section 1. Section 714.8, Code 2026, is amended by adding the  
2 following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 6A. For the purpose of obtaining employment  
4 or other personal gain, falsely represents oneself as possessing  
5 an academic degree or academic credentials.

6 Sec. 2. Section 714.10, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended  
7 by adding the following new paragraph:

8 NEW PARAGRAPH. c. A fraudulent practice as set forth in  
9 section 714.8, subsection 6A.

10 EXPLANATION

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

13 This bill relates to fraudulent practices involving academic  
14 credentials.

15 The bill provides that a person who falsely represents oneself  
16 as possessing an academic degree or academic credentials for the  
17 purpose of obtaining employment or other personal gain is guilty  
18 of a fraudulent practice in the second degree. A fraudulent  
19 practice in the second degree is a class "D" felony. A class "D"  
20 felony is punishable by confinement for no more than five years  
21 and a fine of at least \$1,025 but not more than \$10,245.