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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for the admission of students to the Iowa state
2 university of science and technology college of veterinary
3 medicine.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 262.9, Code 2026, is amended by adding the
2 following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 39A. The board of regents and Iowa state
4 university shall adopt policies governing the admission of
5 students with an Iowa background to the college of veterinary
6 medicine as provided in chapter 266, subchapter VI.

7 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. **266.61 Definitions.**

8 As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise
9 requires:

10 1. "*College of veterinary medicine*" or "*college*" means Iowa
11 state university of science and technology college of veterinary
12 medicine.

13 2. "*DVM degree program*" means the four-year doctor of
14 veterinary medicine professional degree program administered by
15 the college of veterinary medicine.

16 3. "*Iowa graduate veterinarian*" means a person who has
17 received a doctor of veterinary medicine degree from the
18 college of veterinary medicine and becomes licensed to practice
19 veterinary medicine in this state under chapter 169.

20 4. "*Iowa resident*" means any of the following:

21 a. An individual who graduated from an Iowa high school.

22 b. An individual who has lived in Iowa for at least four
23 consecutive years immediately preceding the date the individual
24 would begin classes at the college.

25 5. "*Iowa rural community*" means a county in the state with
26 a population of less than twenty-five thousand according to the
27 most recent decennial census released by the United States census
28 bureau.

29 6. "*Iowa state university*" means Iowa state university of
30 science and technology.

31 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. **266.62 Admissions policies —**
32 **objective.**

33 The board of regents and Iowa state university shall
34 adopt policies governing the admission of students with Iowa
35 backgrounds to the college of veterinary medicine in its DVM

1 degree program who will become Iowa graduate veterinarians
2 entering private practice in an Iowa rural community.

3 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. **266.63 Admissions policies — criteria**
4 **and preferences.**

5 1. The board of regents and Iowa state university shall adopt
6 a policy requiring that not less than eighty percent of the
7 students who are admitted to the college's DVM degree program
8 be Iowa residents or persons who were, prior to applying to the
9 college, enrolled in an eligible postsecondary institution as
10 defined in section 261E.2.

11 2. The board of regents and Iowa state university shall
12 adopt a policy providing a preference in admitting students to
13 the college's DVM degree program who meet all of the following
14 criteria:

15 a. Declares an intention to elect a mixed animal option track
16 of college courses.

17 b. Declares an intention to enter private practice in an Iowa
18 rural community.

19 3. In evaluating applicants for admission to the college's
20 DVM degree program, no consideration shall be given to a
21 test that purports to assess noncognitive skills, ethics,
22 and interpersonal traits, including but not limited to the
23 computer-based assessment for sampling personal characteristics
24 (CASPer) test.

25 Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. **266.64 Admissions policies —**
26 **application criteria.**

27 The board of regents and Iowa state university shall adopt
28 a policy requiring an application for admission to the college
29 in the DVM degree program include in the application all of the
30 following:

31 1. Information regarding the applicant's background including
32 an attestation that includes whether or not all of the following
33 apply:

34 a. That the applicant was born in Iowa or graduated from an
35 Iowa high school.

1 b. That the applicant has immediate family members or in-laws
2 who reside in Iowa.

3 c. That the applicant graduated from a public or private
4 university, a college, or a community college located in Iowa.

5 d. That the applicant resided in an Iowa rural community.

6 e. That the applicant resided in a rural community other than
7 an Iowa rural community, if all of the following apply:

8 (1) The applicant's rural community had similar
9 characteristics to a similarly sized Iowa rural community.

10 (2) The applicant's rural community experienced a lack of
11 private practicing veterinarians.

12 f. That none of the paragraphs "a" through "e" apply to the
13 applicant, but that the applicant is planning on becoming an Iowa
14 graduate licensed veterinarian.

15 g. That none of the paragraphs "a" through "f" apply to
16 the applicant, but the applicant is interested in attending the
17 college's DVM degree program.

18 2. A declaration that the applicant intends to do any of the
19 following:

20 a. Elect a mixed animal option track of courses.

21 b. Enter private practice in an Iowa rural community.

22 Sec. 6. NEW SECTION. **266.65 Admissions policies —**
23 **report.**

24 1. Iowa state university shall submit a college of veterinary
25 medicine admission report to the governor and general assembly by
26 January 15 of each year.

27 2. The report described in subsection 1 shall include all of
28 the following:

29 a. The number of applicants who are Iowa residents who were
30 accepted to the college's DVM degree program, and the number of
31 those applicants that were admitted and not admitted, including
32 as a percentage. The report shall include a brief statement
33 explaining why each applicant was not admitted.

34 b. The number of applicants who were, prior to applying to
35 the college, enrolled in an eligible postsecondary institution

1 as defined in section 261E.2, and the number of those applicants
2 that were admitted and not admitted, including as a percentage.
3 The report shall include a brief statement explaining why each
4 applicant was not admitted.

5 c. The number of applicants who declared an intention to
6 elect a mixed animal option track of college courses and the
7 number of those applicants that were admitted and not admitted,
8 including as a percentage. The report shall include a brief
9 statement explaining why each applicant was not admitted.

10 d. The number of applicants who declared an intention to
11 enter private practice in an Iowa rural community and the
12 number of those applicants that were admitted and not admitted,
13 including as a percentage. The report shall include a brief
14 statement explaining why each applicant was not admitted.

15 3. Personal information regarding an applicant in an annual
16 report submitted pursuant to this section shall be kept
17 confidential as required under the federal Family Educational
18 Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. §1232g, and in the same
19 manner as personal information in student records maintained,
20 created, collected, or assembled by or for a school corporation
21 or educational institution in accordance with section 22.7,
22 subsection 1.

23 Sec. 7. DIRECTIONS TO CODE EDITOR. The Code editor is
24 directed to arrange the following sections in chapter 266, as
25 enacted by this Act, into a new subchapter VI:

26 Sections 266.61 through 266.70.

27 EXPLANATION

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

30 GENERAL. This bill provides for the admission of students
31 to the Iowa state university of science and technology (ISU)
32 college of veterinary medicine (college). The bill is based
33 on provisions enacted in 2025 Iowa Acts, chapter 164, requiring
34 similar policies for the admission of students to the college of
35 medicine or the college of dentistry at the state university of

1 Iowa.

2 OBJECTIVE. Under the bill, the board of regents and ISU
3 are required to adopt policies governing the admission of
4 Iowa students to the college's four-year veterinary medicine
5 professional degree program (DVM program) to accomplish the
6 objective of graduating veterinarians who will enter private
7 practice in an Iowa rural community (having a population of less
8 than 25,000).

9 PERCENTAGE REQUIREMENT. The bill requires that not less than
10 80 percent of students who are admitted to the college's DVM
11 degree program be Iowa residents or individuals who, prior to
12 applying to the college, were enrolled in an Iowa postsecondary
13 institution.

14 APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS. The bill requires the board of
15 regents and ISU to adopt a policy providing a preference in
16 admitting students to the college's DVM degree program who
17 declare an intention to (1) elect a mixed animal option track
18 of college courses and (2) enter private practice in an Iowa
19 rural community. In addition, consideration cannot be given to
20 a test that purports to assess noncognitive skills, ethics, and
21 interpersonal traits (e.g., the CASPer test). The bill provides
22 that an applicant must attest to facts regarding the applicant's
23 Iowa background and declare whether the applicant intends to
24 elect a mixed animal option college course track and after
25 graduation enter private practice in an Iowa rural community.

26 REPORT. ISU is required to submit an annual report to the
27 governor and general assembly describing its progress in meeting
28 the statutory objective. Personal information regarding an
29 applicant is required to be confidential.