

**House File 2226 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 530)

**A BILL FOR**

- 1 An Act relating to the bachelor of science in nursing program at
- 2 the university of Iowa, including priority for admission and
- 3 reporting requirements.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 39A. a. Adopt a policy requiring that not  
4 less than eighty percent of the students who are accepted into  
5 the bachelor of science in nursing program at the college of  
6 nursing at the state university of Iowa be residents of Iowa.

7 b. Adopt a policy that gives priority for admission to  
8 residents of Iowa who apply to the bachelor of science in nursing  
9 program at the state university of Iowa.

10 c. Adopt a policy requiring an application for admission  
11 to the bachelor of science in nursing program at the state  
12 university of Iowa to include an applicant attestation that  
13 includes all of the following:

14 (1) I was born in Iowa or graduated from an Iowa high school.

15 (2) I was not born in Iowa or did not graduate from an Iowa  
16 high school; however, I am interested in working in Iowa after  
17 graduation.

18 (3) I was not born in Iowa or did not graduate from an  
19 Iowa high school; however, I am interested in enrolling in the  
20 bachelor of science in nursing program at the state university of  
21 Iowa.

22 d. (1) Require the state university of Iowa to submit an  
23 annual report to the general assembly that contains, for the  
24 immediately preceding calendar year, all of the following:

25 (a) The number of applicants who are residents of Iowa who  
26 were accepted to the bachelor of science in nursing program.

27 (b) The number of applicants who are residents of Iowa who  
28 were not accepted to the bachelor of science in nursing program,  
29 and a brief statement related to why each applicant was denied.

30 (2) Personal information regarding an applicant in an annual  
31 report submitted pursuant to this paragraph shall be kept  
32 confidential as required under the federal Family Educational  
33 Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. §1252g, and in the same manner  
34 as personal information in student records maintained, created,  
35 collected, or assembled by or for a school corporation or

1 education institution in accordance with section 22.7, subsection  
2 1.

3 e. For purposes of this subsection:

4 (1) "*Bachelor of science in nursing program*" means the  
5 undergraduate bachelor of science in nursing degree program  
6 offered by the college of nursing at the state university of  
7 Iowa.

8 (2) "*Resident of Iowa*" means an individual who graduated from  
9 an Iowa high school.

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 the bachelor of science in nursing  
14 program at the university of Iowa college of nursing, including  
15 priority for admission and reporting requirements.

16 The bill requires the state board of regents to adopt a policy  
17 providing that not less than 80 percent of students accepted  
18 into the bachelor of science in nursing program be residents of  
19 Iowa. The bill defines "resident of Iowa" as an individual who  
20 graduated from an Iowa high school. The bill further requires  
21 that the board of regents adopt a policy giving priority for  
22 admission to residents of Iowa who apply to the bachelor of  
23 science in nursing program, and a policy requiring an application  
24 for admission to the bachelor of science in nursing program  
25 include an applicant attestation.

26 The bill requires the university of Iowa to submit an annual  
27 report to the general assembly containing, for the immediately  
28 preceding calendar year, the number of applicants who are  
29 residents of Iowa who were accepted to the bachelor of science in  
30 nursing program and the number of applicants who are residents of  
31 Iowa who were not accepted, including a brief statement related  
32 to why each applicant was denied.