

House File 2494 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 599)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring the director of the department of education
2 to prepare, publish, and submit to the general assembly
3 annual reports related to reading proficiency, mathematics
4 proficiency, and area education agencies.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 256.9, Code 2026, is amended by adding the
2 following new subsections:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 80. a. Prepare an annual report that
4 includes detailed information related to all of the following:

5 (1) The reading proficiency of students enrolled in school
6 districts in kindergarten through grade three, including how well
7 school districts are fulfilling the requirements established in
8 section 279.68.

9 (2) The mathematics proficiency of students enrolled in
10 school districts in kindergarten through grade six, including how
11 well school districts are fulfilling the requirements established
12 in section 279.68A.

13 b. Submit the annual report described in paragraph "a" to
14 the general assembly on or before December 31 of each year and
15 publish the annual report on the department's internet site.

16 NEW SUBSECTION. 81. a. Prepare an annual report that
17 includes a detailed and ongoing examination and evaluation of the
18 impact to area education agencies, and the operations of area
19 education agencies, made by 2024 Iowa Acts, ch. 1002.

20 b. Submit the annual report described in paragraph "a" to
21 the general assembly on or before December 31 of each year and
22 publish the annual report on the department's internet site.

23 EXPLANATION

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

26 This bill requires the director of the department of education
27 (DE) to prepare, publish, and submit to the general assembly
28 annual reports related to reading proficiency, mathematics
29 proficiency, and area education agencies.

30 The director of DE is required to prepare an annual
31 report that includes detailed information related to the
32 reading proficiency of students enrolled in school districts
33 in kindergarten through grade three, including how well
34 school districts are fulfilling the requirements established in
35 Code section 279.68 (student progression — intensive reading

1 instruction — reporting requirements), and detailed information
2 related to the mathematics proficiency of students enrolled in
3 school districts in kindergarten through grade six, including how
4 well school districts are fulfilling the requirements established
5 in Code section 279.68A (student progression — mathematics
6 proficiency). The director is required to submit the annual
7 report to the general assembly on or before December 31 and
8 publish the annual report on DE's internet site.

9 The director of DE is also required to prepare an annual
10 report that includes a detailed and ongoing examination and
11 evaluation of the impact to area education agencies, and the
12 operations of area education agencies, made by 2024 Iowa Acts,
13 chapter 1002. The director is required to submit the annual
14 report to the general assembly on or before December 31 and
15 publish the annual report on DE's internet site.