

House Study Bill 43 - Introduced

SENATE/HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION BILL)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to education, including by modifying provisions
2 related to community college and department of education
3 reporting requirements, the national board certification pilot
4 project, and employees of the Iowa educational services for
5 the blind and visually impaired program or the Iowa school for
6 the deaf, and including effective date provisions.
7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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DIVISION I
REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Section 1. Section 256.7, subsection 23, Code 2025, is amended to read as follows:

23. Adopt rules directing the community colleges to annually and uniformly submit data, including individual-level data, from the most recent fiscal year to the ~~community colleges bureau~~ department, using criteria determined and prescribed by the ~~bureau~~ department via the management information system.

a. Financial data submitted to the ~~division~~ department by a community college shall be broken down by fund.

b. Community colleges shall provide data to the ~~community colleges bureau~~ department by a deadline set by the ~~bureau~~ department. The deadline shall be set for a date that permits the ~~bureau~~ department to include the data in a report submitted ~~for to the~~ to the state board approval and the general assembly for review by ~~December~~ March 15 of each year by ~~the house and senate standing education committees and the joint subcommittee~~ on education appropriations.

c. The department shall ~~include a statewide summary of the financial data submitted in accordance with paragraph "a" in the~~ submit an annual condition of community colleges report, which upon approval of to the state board, shall be submitted to and the general assembly on or before February 1 for review by March 15 of each year. The report must include community college program level educational and employment outcomes reports upon availability of all underlying data.

Sec. 2. Section 260C.14, subsection 21, paragraph c, Code 2025, is amended to read as follows:

c. The department shall ~~submit a report to the general assembly summarizing~~ incorporate the data submitted in paragraph "a" by ~~January 15 annually~~ into the annual condition of community colleges report described in section 256.7, subsection 23, paragraph "c".

Sec. 3. Section 261E.3, subsection 3, paragraph j, Code 2025,

1 256.44. Of the amount allocated under this paragraph, not less
2 than eighty-five thousand dollars shall be used to administer
3 the ambassador to education position in accordance with section
4 256.45.

5 (2) Notwithstanding section 8.33, funds appropriated for
6 purposes of this paragraph which remain unencumbered or
7 unobligated at the close of the fiscal year for which the funds
8 were appropriated shall not revert but shall be available for
9 expenditure by the department for purposes of providing stipends
10 to individuals who receive an advanced dyslexia specialist
11 endorsement from the board of educational examiners. The
12 department shall consider the amount of funds available under
13 this subparagraph when determining the amount of such stipend.

14 Sec. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. The following, being deemed of
15 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment:

16 The section of this division of this Act amending section
17 284.13.

18 DIVISION III

19 IOWA EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED
20 PROGRAM AND THE IOWA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

21 Sec. 7. Section 256.103, Code 2025, is amended to read as
22 follows:

23 **256.103 Employees — contracts — termination and discharge**
24 **procedures.**

25 1. Sections 279.12 through 279.19B and ~~section 279.27~~ apply
26 to employees of the Iowa educational services for the blind
27 and visually impaired program and employees of the Iowa school
28 for the deaf, who are licensed pursuant to subchapter VII,
29 part 3. Section 279.27 applies to employees of the Iowa
30 educational services for the blind and visually impaired program
31 and employees of the Iowa school for the deaf, whether or not
32 licensed pursuant to subchapter VII, part 3, who are responsible
33 for the care, instruction, or supervision of children. In
34 following those sections in chapter 279, the references to boards
35 of directors of school districts shall be interpreted to apply to

1 the department.

2 2. Notwithstanding chapter 8A, subchapter IV, the department
3 of administrative services shall, in consultation with the
4 department of education, establish an annual compensation
5 schedule applicable to all employees of the Iowa educational
6 services for the blind and visually impaired program and all
7 employees of the Iowa school for the deaf and shall set the
8 employee benefits for such employees.

9 EXPLANATION

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

12 This bill relates to education, including by modifying
13 provisions related to community college and department of
14 education (DE) reporting requirements, the national board
15 certification pilot project, and employees of the Iowa
16 educational services for the blind and visually impaired program
17 or the Iowa school for the deaf.

18 DIVISION I — REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. Current law requires the
19 state board of education to adopt rules directing the community
20 colleges to submit certain specified data from the most recent
21 fiscal year to the community colleges bureau using criteria
22 determined by the community colleges bureau. The bill modifies
23 these provisions to instead require the data to be submitted
24 directly to DE. The bill makes several other modifications
25 related to data submitted by the community colleges to DE,
26 and related to data submitted by DE to the state board and
27 the general assembly, including modifications related to the
28 information to be included in the annual condition of community
29 colleges report.

30 DIVISION II — NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION PROGRAM AND
31 STIPENDS. The bill changes the name of the national board
32 certification pilot project established in Code section 256.44 to
33 the national board certification program.

34 The bill provides that funds appropriated for purposes of
35 the student achievement and teacher quality program that are

1 allocated to DE for the issuance of national board certification
2 awards that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close
3 of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall be available
4 for expenditure by DE for purposes of providing stipends
5 to individuals who receive an advanced dyslexia specialist
6 endorsement from the board of educational examiners (BOEE). This
7 provision takes effect upon enactment.

8 DIVISION III — IOWA EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR THE BLIND AND
9 VISUALLY IMPAIRED PROGRAM AND THE IOWA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF. The
10 bill provides that Code section 279.27 (discharge of a teacher)
11 applies to employees of the Iowa educational services for the
12 blind and visually impaired program and employees of the Iowa
13 school for the deaf, whether or not licensed by the BOEE, who
14 are responsible for the care, instruction, or supervision of
15 children.

16 The bill requires the department of administrative services,
17 in consultation with DE, to establish an annual compensation
18 schedule applicable to all employees of the Iowa educational
19 services for the blind and visually impaired program and all
20 employees of the Iowa school for the deaf and to set the employee
21 benefits for such employees.