

House Study Bill 532 - Introduced

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON HIGHER
EDUCATION BILL BY CHAIRPERSON
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the university of Iowa college of law,
2 including priority for admission and reporting requirements.
3 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 at the
5 college of law at the state university of Iowa be residents of
6 Iowa or persons who were, prior to applying to the college of
7 law, enrolled in an eligible postsecondary institution as defined
8 in section 261E.2.

9 b. Adopt a policy that gives priority for admission to
10 residents of Iowa who apply for the college of law at the state
11 university of Iowa.

12 c. Adopt a policy requiring an application for admission to
13 the college of law at the state university of Iowa to include an
14 applicant attestation that includes all of the following:

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

16 (2) I have family members or in-laws who reside in Iowa, or
17 I graduated from a public or private university, a college, or a
18 community college located in Iowa.

19 (3) None of the above apply to me; however, I am interested
20 in practicing law in Iowa after graduation.

21 (4) None of the above apply to me; however, I am interested
22 in attending the college of law at the state university of Iowa.

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

26 (a) The number of applicants who are residents of Iowa who
27 were accepted to the college of law.

28 (b) The number of applicants who are residents of Iowa who
29 were not accepted to the college of law, and a brief statement
30 related to why each applicant was denied.

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

1 collected, or assembled by or for a school corporation or
2 education institution in accordance with section 22.7, subsection
3 1.

4 e. For purposes of this subsection, "resident of Iowa" means
5 any of the following:

6 (1) An individual who graduated from an Iowa high school.

7 (2) An individual who has lived in Iowa for at least four
8 consecutive years immediately preceding the date the individual
9 begins classes at the college of law at the state university of
10 Iowa.

11 EXPLANATION

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

14 This bill relates to the university of Iowa college of law,
15 including 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 into
18 the college of law be residents of Iowa or persons who were,
19 prior to applying to the college of law, enrolled in an eligible
20 postsecondary institution as defined in Code section 261E.2. The
21 bill further requires that the board of regents adopt a policy
22 giving priority for admission to residents of Iowa who apply
23 to the college of law, and a policy requiring an application
24 for admission to the college of law to include an applicant
25 attestation.

26 The bill requires the university of Iowa 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 college of law and
30 the number of applicants who are residents of Iowa who were
31 not accepted, including a brief statement related to why each
32 applicant was denied.

33 The bill defines "resident of Iowa" as an individual who
34 graduated from an Iowa high school or an individual who has lived
35 in Iowa for at least four consecutive years immediately preceding

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1 the date of beginning classes at the college.

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