

**House Study Bill 55 - Introduced**

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

1 An Act requiring regents institutions to make certain course  
2 syllabus information available to the public online and  
3 including effective date provisions.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. SHORT TITLE. This Act shall be known and may be  
2 cited as the "Syllabus Transparency Act".

3 Sec. 2. Section 262.9, Code 2025, is amended by adding the  
4 following new subsection:

5 NEW SUBSECTION. 39. a. Direct each institution of higher  
6 learning under its control to make available to the public on the  
7 institution's internet site a syllabus for each section of each  
8 undergraduate course offered for credit by the institution. The  
9 syllabus shall include all of the following:

10 (1) The name of the instructor.

11 (2) A brief description of each major course requirement,  
12 including each major assignment and examination.

13 (3) Any required or recommended reading material.

14 (4) A general description of the subject matter of each  
15 lecture or discussion.

16 b. The syllabus information made available to the public  
17 pursuant to paragraph "a" shall be subject to the following  
18 requirements:

19 (1) The information shall be accessible from the  
20 institution's internet site home page by use of no more than five  
21 links.

22 (2) The information shall be searchable by keywords and  
23 phrases.

24 (3) The information shall be accessible to the public without  
25 requiring registration or use of a user name, password, or other  
26 user identification.

27 (4) The information shall be made available no later than  
28 the first day of classes for the semester or other academic term  
29 during which the section of the course is offered.

30 (5) The information shall be updated as soon as practicable  
31 after the information changes.

32 (6) The information shall remain available on the  
33 institution's internet site for at least one year after the  
34 date on which the institution initially made the information  
35 available.

