

House Study Bill 84 - Introduced

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

1 An Act prohibiting school districts, charter schools, and
2 innovation zone schools from providing any program,
3 curriculum, test, survey, questionnaire, promotion, or
4 instruction relating to gender identity or sexual orientation
5 to students in grades seven through twelve.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 256.11, subsection 4, Code 2025, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 4. The following shall be taught in grades seven
4 and eight: English-language arts; social studies, including
5 instruction related to civics; mathematics; science; subject
6 to section 279.80, health; subject to section 279.80,
7 age-appropriate and research-based human growth and development;
8 career exploration and development; physical education; music;
9 and visual art. Computer science instruction incorporating
10 the standards established under section 256.7, subsection 26,
11 paragraph "a", subparagraph (4), shall be offered in at least
12 one grade level commencing with the school year beginning July
13 1, 2023. Career exploration and development shall be designed so
14 that students are appropriately prepared to create an individual
15 career and academic plan pursuant to section 279.61, incorporate
16 foundational career and technical education concepts aligned
17 with the six career and technical education service areas as
18 defined in subsection 5, paragraph "h", incorporate relevant
19 twenty-first century skills to facilitate career readiness, and
20 introduce students to career opportunities within the local
21 community and across this state. The health curriculum shall
22 include age-appropriate and research-based information regarding
23 the characteristics of sexually transmitted diseases. The state
24 board as part of accreditation standards shall adopt curriculum
25 definitions for implementing the program in grades seven and
26 eight. However, this subsection shall not apply to the teaching
27 of career exploration and development in nonpublic schools.

28 Sec. 2. Section 256.11, subsection 5, paragraph j,
29 subparagraph (1), Code 2025, is amended to read as follows:

30 (1) One unit of health education which may include personal
31 health; food and nutrition; environmental health; safety and
32 survival skills; consumer health; family life; subject to section
33 279.80, age-appropriate and research-based human growth and
34 development; substance use disorder and nonuse; emotional and
35 social health; health resources; cardiopulmonary resuscitation;

1 and prevention and control of disease, including age-appropriate
2 and research-based information regarding sexually transmitted
3 diseases.

4 Sec. 3. Section 256E.7, subsection 2, paragraph p, Code 2025,
5 is amended to read as follows:

6 p. Be subject to and comply with the requirements of
7 section 279.80 relating to sexual orientation and gender identity
8 instruction in kindergarten through grade ~~six~~ twelve in the same
9 manner as a school district.

10 Sec. 4. Section 256F.4, subsection 2, paragraph n, Code 2025,
11 is amended to read as follows:

12 n. Be subject to and comply with the requirements of
13 section 279.80 relating to sexual orientation and gender identity
14 instruction in kindergarten through grade ~~six~~ twelve in the same
15 manner as a school district.

16 Sec. 5. Section 279.50, subsection 3, Code 2025, is amended
17 to read as follows:

18 3. ~~Each~~ Subject to section 279.80, each school board
19 shall provide age-appropriate and research-based instruction in
20 human growth and development including instruction regarding
21 human sexuality, self-esteem, stress management, interpersonal
22 relationships, domestic abuse, and the prevention and control of
23 disease, including sexually transmitted diseases as required in
24 section 256.11, in grades seven through twelve.

25 Sec. 6. Section 279.80, subsection 2, Code 2025, is amended
26 to read as follows:

27 2. A school district shall not provide any program,
28 curriculum, test, survey, questionnaire, promotion, or
29 instruction relating to gender identity or sexual orientation to
30 students in kindergarten through grade ~~six~~ twelve.

31 EXPLANATION

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

34 This bill prohibits school districts, charter schools, and
35 innovation zone schools from providing any program, curriculum,

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1 test, survey, questionnaire, promotion, or instruction relating
2 to gender identity or sexual orientation to students in grades
3 7 through 12, extending the current prohibition that applies to
4 such students in kindergarten through grade 6.

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