

**House Study Bill 97 - Introduced**

HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
EDUCATION BILL BY CHAIRPERSON  
WHEELER)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to reference to certain specified natural  
2 formations in classroom instruction and handouts provided to  
3 students enrolled in school districts, charter schools, and  
4 innovation zone schools.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 256E.7, subsection 2, Code 2025, is  
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *Or.* Be subject to and comply with the  
4 requirements of section 279.87 related to replacing references to  
5 the "Gulf of Mexico" and "Denali" in classroom instruction and  
6 handouts.

7 Sec. 2. Section 256F.4, subsection 2, Code 2025, is amended  
8 by adding the following new paragraph:

9 NEW PARAGRAPH. *r.* Be subject to and comply with the  
10 requirements of section 279.87 related to replacing references to  
11 the "Gulf of Mexico" and "Denali" in classroom instruction and  
12 handouts.

13 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. **279.87 Classroom instruction and**  
14 **handouts — Gulf of America and Mount McKinley.**

15 1. In all classroom instruction, and in all handouts provided  
16 to students, the school district shall replace references to the  
17 "Gulf of Mexico" with references to the "Gulf of America".

18 2. In all classroom instruction, and in all handouts provided  
19 to students, the school district shall replace references to  
20 "Denali" with references to "Mount McKinley".

21 EXPLANATION

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

24 This bill relates to reference to certain specified natural  
25 formations in classroom instruction and handouts provided to  
26 students enrolled in school districts, charter schools, and  
27 innovation zone schools. The bill requires school districts,  
28 charter schools, and innovation zone schools to replace  
29 references to the "Gulf of Mexico" and "Denali" with references  
30 to the "Gulf of America" and "Mount McKinley", respectively,  
31 in all classroom instruction and in all handouts provided to  
32 students.