

Senate File 2320 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 2170)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act modifying provisions related to the district-to-community
2 college sharing or concurrent enrollment program.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 261E.8, subsection 3, Code 2026, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 3. a. A student may make application to a community college
4 and the school district to allow the student to enroll for
5 college credit in a nonsectarian course offered by the community
6 college. A comparable course, as defined in rules adopted by the
7 board of directors of the school district, must not be offered
8 by the school district or accredited nonpublic school which the
9 student attends.

10 b. (1) If the community college offers the course using both
11 instruction that is delivered in person and using instruction
12 that is delivered primarily over the internet, then the student
13 must enroll in the version of the course that uses instruction
14 that is delivered in person unless the superintendent of the
15 school district, or the superintendent's designee, authorizes
16 the student to enroll in the version of the course that uses
17 instruction that is delivered primarily over the internet.

18 (2) (a) When determining whether to authorize the student to
19 enroll in the version of the course that uses instruction that
20 is delivered primarily over the internet pursuant to subparagraph
21 (1), the superintendent, or the superintendent's designee, shall
22 consider if the student is prepared for, and likely to be
23 successful in, a course that uses instruction that is delivered
24 primarily over the internet.

25 (b) When determining whether to authorize the student to
26 enroll in the version of the course that uses instruction that
27 is delivered primarily over the internet pursuant to subparagraph
28 (1), the superintendent, or the superintendent's designee, may
29 consider any other factors deemed relevant by the superintendent,
30 or the superintendent's designee, including but not limited to
31 potential scheduling conflicts that may impact the student's
32 ability to participate in the version of the course that uses
33 instruction that is delivered in person.

34 c. The school board shall annually approve courses to be
35 made available for high school credit using locally developed

1 criteria that establishes which courses will provide the student
2 with academic rigor and will prepare the student adequately for
3 transition to a postsecondary institution.

4 d. If a community college accepts a student for enrollment
5 under this section, the school district, in collaboration with
6 the community college, shall send written notice to the student,
7 the student's parent or legal guardian in the case of a minor
8 child, and the student's school district. The notice shall
9 list the course, the clock hours the student will be attending
10 the course, and the number of hours of college credit that the
11 student will receive from the community college upon successful
12 completion of the course.

13 EXPLANATION

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

16 This bill modifies provisions related to the
17 district-to-community college sharing or concurrent enrollment
18 program, established in Code section 261E.8. The
19 district-to-community college sharing or concurrent enrollment
20 program is administered by the department of education to promote
21 rigorous academic or career and technical pursuits and to provide
22 a wider variety of options to high school students to enroll in
23 eligible nonsectarian courses at or through community colleges.
24 The program is available to all resident students in grades 9
25 through 12.

26 The bill provides that if the community college offers the
27 course using both instruction that is delivered in person
28 and using instruction that is delivered primarily over the
29 internet, then the student is required to enroll in the version
30 of the course that uses instruction that is delivered in
31 person unless the superintendent of the school district, or the
32 superintendent's designee, authorizes the student to enroll in
33 the version of the course that uses instruction that is delivered
34 primarily over the internet. When determining whether to
35 authorize the student to enroll in the version of the course that

1 uses instruction that is delivered primarily over the internet,
2 the superintendent, or the superintendent's designee, is required
3 to consider if the student is prepared for, and likely to be
4 successful in, such a course. When making that determination,
5 the bill authorizes the superintendent, or the superintendent's
6 designee, to consider any relevant factors, including potential
7 scheduling conflicts.

8 The bill makes nonsubstantive, hierarchical changes to Code
9 section 261E.8(3).

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