

House File 2494 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 599)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring the director of the department of education
2 to prepare, publish, and submit to the general assembly
3 annual reports related to reading proficiency, mathematics
4 proficiency, and area education agencies.

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

1 Section 1. Section 256.9, Code 2026, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsections:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 80. *a.* Prepare an annual report that
4 includes detailed information related to all of the following:

5 (1) The reading proficiency of students enrolled in school
6 districts in kindergarten through grade three, including
7 how well school districts are fulfilling the requirements
8 established in section 279.68.

9 (2) The mathematics proficiency of students enrolled in
10 school districts in kindergarten through grade six, including
11 how well school districts are fulfilling the requirements
12 established in section 279.68A.

13 *b.* Submit the annual report described in paragraph "a" to
14 the general assembly on or before December 31 of each year and
15 publish the annual report on the department's internet site.

16 NEW SUBSECTION. 81. *a.* Prepare an annual report that
17 includes a detailed and ongoing examination and evaluation of
18 the impact to area education agencies, and the operations of
19 area education agencies, made by 2024 Iowa Acts, ch. 1002.

20 *b.* Submit the annual report described in paragraph "a" to
21 the general assembly on or before December 31 of each year and
22 publish the annual report on the department's internet site.

23 EXPLANATION

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

26 This bill requires the director of the department of
27 education (DE) to prepare, publish, and submit to the general
28 assembly annual reports related to reading proficiency,
29 mathematics proficiency, and area education agencies.

30 The director of DE is required to prepare an annual
31 report that includes detailed information related to the
32 reading proficiency of students enrolled in school districts
33 in kindergarten through grade three, including how well
34 school districts are fulfilling the requirements established
35 in Code section 279.68 (student progression — intensive

1 reading instruction — reporting requirements), and detailed
2 information related to the mathematics proficiency of students
3 enrolled in school districts in kindergarten through grade
4 six, including how well school districts are fulfilling the
5 requirements established in Code section 279.68A (student
6 progression — mathematics proficiency). The director is
7 required to submit the annual report to the general assembly
8 on or before December 31 and publish the annual report on DE's
9 internet site.

10 The director of DE is also required to prepare an annual
11 report that includes a detailed and ongoing examination and
12 evaluation of the impact to area education agencies, and the
13 operations of area education agencies, made by 2024 Iowa Acts,
14 chapter 1002. The director is required to submit the annual
15 report to the general assembly on or before December 31 and
16 publish the annual report on DE's internet site.