

**Senate Study Bill 3164 - Introduced**

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BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF  
EDUCATION BILL)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to education reporting, including the sharing  
2 of unit-level wage data for secondary and postsecondary  
3 program evaluation, the establishment of the condition of  
4 education report, consolidating certain required reports,  
5 modifying responsibilities for the future ready Iowa  
6 last-dollar scholarship report, modifying Iowa workforce  
7 development data-sharing provisions, and creating a return  
8 on investment reporting system to be overseen by the Iowa  
9 student aid commission.  
10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 84A.22 Unit-level wage data for  
2 educational program evaluation.

3 1. For purposes of this section, "unit-level wage data"  
4 means individual-level employment records maintained by the  
5 department of workforce development, including but not limited  
6 to occupational title associated with a standard occupational  
7 classification code, hours worked, job-site location, and  
8 employer industry classification.

9 2. The department of workforce development shall, pursuant  
10 to a request from the department of education, provide  
11 unit-level wage data for the purpose of evaluating secondary  
12 and postsecondary program outcomes, including return on  
13 investment reporting.

14 3. The department of workforce development may enter into  
15 data-sharing agreements with the department of education to  
16 administer this section.

17 Sec. 2. Section 96.11, subsection 6, paragraph c,  
18 subparagraph (6), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

19 (6) Colleges, universities, and public agencies of this  
20 state for use in connection with research of a public nature,  
21 provided the department does not reveal the identity of an  
22 employing unit or individual unless such reporting is required  
23 by federal or state law for purposes of accountability or  
24 evaluation.

25 Sec. 3. Section 256.7, subsection 32, paragraph b,  
26 subparagraph (2), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

27 (2) The department shall compile and review the data  
28 collected pursuant to this paragraph "b" and shall submit its  
29 ~~findings and recommendations for the continued delivery of~~  
30 ~~educational instruction and course content by school districts~~  
31 ~~delivered primarily over the internet, in a summary of the data~~  
32 in the annual condition of education report to the general  
33 assembly by January 15 annually pursuant to section 256.9,  
34 subsection 80.

35 Sec. 4. Section 256.9, subsections 19 and 45, Code 2026, are

1 amended to read as follows:

2 19. The department shall compile the financial information  
3 related to **chapters 423E** and **423F** from the certified annual  
4 reports of each school district received pursuant to section  
5 291.10, subsection 2, and shall submit the information to the  
6 general assembly in ~~an~~ the annual condition of education report  
7 ~~each February 1~~ pursuant to section 256.9, subsection 80.

8 45. Prepare and submit to the chairpersons and ranking  
9 members of the senate and house education committees a report  
10 on the state's progress toward closing the achievement gap,  
11 including student achievement for minority subgroups, and  
12 a comprehensive summary of state agency and local district  
13 activities and practices taken in the past year to close the  
14 achievement gap. Such information shall be submitted in the  
15 annual condition of education report pursuant to section 256.9,  
16 subsection 80.

17 Sec. 5. Section 256.9, Code 2026, is amended by adding the  
18 following new subsection:

19 NEW SUBSECTION. 80. Prepare an annual condition of  
20 education report to be submitted to the governor and general  
21 assembly by April 1 of each year.

22 Sec. 6. Section 256.177, Code 2026, is amended by adding the  
23 following new subsection:

24 NEW SUBSECTION. 12. *a.* For purposes of this subsection:

25 (1) "*Eligible public institution*" means a community college  
26 established under chapter 260C or a public institution of  
27 higher education governed by the state board of regents under  
28 chapter 262.

29 (2) "*Program*" means an instructional offering leading  
30 to a certificate, diploma, degree, or other postsecondary  
31 credential.

32 (3) "*Return on investment*" means a measure comparing program  
33 costs to student outcomes, including employment and earning.

34 *b.* Oversee a statewide, program-level postsecondary  
35 return on investment reporting system for eligible public

1 institutions.

2 *c.* Each eligible public institution shall submit data to the  
3 commission in a form and manner specified by the commission.  
4 The data must include data elements necessary to report all of  
5 the following:

- 6 (1) Program tuition and fees.
- 7 (2) Average time to completion.
- 8 (3) Retention and completion rates.
- 9 (4) Post-completion and employment rates.
- 10 (5) Median earnings of program graduates.
- 11 (6) Alignment to high-demand occupations, defined as  
12 occupations in which state, local, or regional labor market  
13 forecasting shows occupational demand exceeds the overall  
14 state, local, or regional employer demand metrics, including in  
15 openings, numeric change, and growth.

16 *d.* The commission shall annually compile and publish program  
17 level return on investment data submitted pursuant to this  
18 subsection by eligible public institutions in a consumer-facing  
19 format.

20 *e.* The commission shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A  
21 to administer this subsection.

22 *f.* An eligible public institution that fails to comply with  
23 the reporting requirements under this subsection, as determined  
24 by the commission, shall be ineligible to participate in  
25 state-administered student financial aid programs administered  
26 by the commission until the commission determines there is  
27 substantial compliance. Prior to declaring an institution  
28 ineligible, the commission shall provide written notice to the  
29 institution and a reasonable opportunity for the institution  
30 to cure the noncompliance. This subsection applies only to  
31 state-administered student financial aid and shall not affect  
32 eligibility for federal student financial aid.

33 *Sec. 7.* Section 256.228, subsection 4, paragraph d, Code  
34 2026, is amended to read as follows:

35 *d.* In collaboration with the department of workforce

1 development and the department of education, compile an annual  
2 report, in an aggregate form to protect the confidentiality of  
3 each eligible program's participants, that includes the number  
4 of students receiving scholarships under [this section](#), the  
5 number of students receiving grants under [section 256.229](#), the  
6 number of scholarship and grant recipients completing a program  
7 of study or major annually and in the prescribed time frame  
8 under [this section](#) or [section 256.229](#), the number of eligible  
9 institutions participating in the scholarship and grant  
10 programs established under [this section](#) or [section 256.229](#),  
11 the number of written agreements entered into by the volunteer  
12 mentor program under [section 15H.10](#), statistics on employment  
13 outcomes for future ready Iowa skilled workforce last-dollar  
14 scholarship and future ready Iowa skilled workforce grant  
15 program participants by industry, and other data as may be  
16 deemed pertinent by the commission, the department of workforce  
17 development, or the department of education. The commission  
18 shall ~~submit the report to the governor and the general~~  
19 ~~assembly annually by January 15~~ include this information in the  
20 report submitted pursuant to section 256.177, subsection 7.

21 Sec. 8. Section 256E.12, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended  
22 to read as follows:

23 2. The state board shall prepare and file with the general  
24 assembly by December 1, annually, a comprehensive report with  
25 findings and recommendations relating to the charter school  
26 program in the state and whether the charter school program  
27 under [this chapter](#) is meeting the goals and purposes of the  
28 program. The report also shall contain, for each charter  
29 school, a copy of the charter school's mission statement,  
30 attendance statistics and dropout rate, aggregate assessment  
31 test scores, projections of financial stability, and the number  
32 and qualifications of teachers and administrators. The report  
33 shall include the information required to be submitted under  
34 section 256F.10 by a charter school or innovation zone school  
35 authorized under chapter 256F.

1     Sec. 9. Section 256F.10, Code 2026, is amended to read as  
2 follows:

3     **256F.10 Reports.**

4     ~~1.~~ A charter school or innovation zone school shall  
5 report at least annually to the school board or innovation  
6 zone consortium, advisory council, and the state board the  
7 information required by the school board or innovation zone  
8 consortium, advisory council, or the state board. The reports  
9 are public records subject to [chapter 22](#).

10    ~~2. Not later than December 1 annually, the state board shall~~  
11 ~~submit a comprehensive report with findings and recommendations~~  
12 ~~to the general assembly. The report shall evaluate the state's~~  
13 ~~charter school and innovation zone school programs generally,~~  
14 ~~including but not limited to an evaluation of whether the~~  
15 ~~charter schools and innovation zone schools are fulfilling the~~  
16 ~~purposes set forth in [section 256F.4, subsection 2](#). The report~~  
17 ~~also shall contain, for each charter school or innovation~~  
18 ~~zone school, a copy of the charter school or innovation~~  
19 ~~zone school's mission statement, attendance statistics and~~  
20 ~~dropout rate, aggregate assessment test scores, projections of~~  
21 ~~financial stability, the number and qualifications of teachers~~  
22 ~~and administrators, and number of and comments on supervisory~~  
23 ~~visits by the department of education.~~

24    Sec. 10. Section 279.51A, subsection 5, Code 2026, is  
25 amended to read as follows:

26    5. Each school district shall report to the department of  
27 education, in a manner prescribed by the department, an annual  
28 count of all incidents of violence that result in injury or  
29 property damage or assault by a student in a school building,  
30 on school grounds, or at a school-sponsored function, and any  
31 time a student is referred for the use of or transfer to a  
32 therapeutic classroom. The report shall include but not be  
33 limited to demographic information on students reported as  
34 victims and reported as perpetrators of incidents of violence  
35 that result in injury or property damage or assault, including

1 but not limited to disaggregated information on race, gender,  
2 national origin, age, grade level, and disability, along with  
3 any other data required for the department to implement the  
4 federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by  
5 the federal Every Student Succeeds Act, Pub. L. No. 114-95,  
6 with appropriate safeguards to ensure student privacy. The  
7 department shall compile and summarize the reports, categorized  
8 by behavior, and shall submit the summary to the general  
9 assembly ~~by November 1 annually~~ in the annual condition of  
10 education report pursuant to section 256.9, subsection 80. A  
11 teacher or administrator who submits a report in accordance  
12 with [this section](#) and who meets the requirements of section  
13 280.27 or [section 613.21](#) shall be immune from civil or criminal  
14 liability relating to such action, as well as for participating  
15 in any administrative or judicial proceeding resulting from or  
16 relating to the report pursuant to the provisions of sections  
17 280.27 and [613.21](#). The provisions of [section 70A.29](#) shall  
18 apply to a teacher or administrator who submits a report in  
19 accordance with [this section](#) or who reports an incident of  
20 violence or assault to a local law enforcement agency in good  
21 faith and without fraudulent intent or the intent to deceive.  
22 Personal information regarding a student in a report submitted  
23 pursuant to [this section](#) shall be kept confidential as required  
24 under the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20  
25 U.S.C. §1232g, and in the same manner as personal information  
26 in student records maintained, created, collected, or assembled  
27 by or for a school corporation or educational institution in  
28 accordance with [section 22.7, subsection 1](#).

29 Sec. 11. Section 279.60, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended  
30 to read as follows:

31 2. The school district shall also collect information from  
32 each parent, guardian, or legal custodian of a kindergarten  
33 student enrolled in the district on whether the student  
34 attended preschool. Each school district shall report the  
35 preschool information collected to the department of education

1 in the manner prescribed by the department not later than  
2 January 1 of that school year. The early childhood Iowa  
3 program in the department of health and human services shall  
4 have access to the raw data. The department of education shall  
5 review the information submitted pursuant to [this section](#)  
6 and shall submit ~~its findings and recommendations annually~~  
7 ~~in a~~ summary of the information in the annual condition of  
8 education report pursuant to section 256.9, subsection 80, to  
9 the governor, the general assembly, the early childhood Iowa  
10 state board, and the early childhood Iowa area boards.

11 Sec. 12. Section 284.11, subsection 2, paragraph c, Code  
12 2026, is amended to read as follows:

13 c. Review If funding is appropriated for purposes of  
14 this section, review the use and effectiveness of the funds  
15 distributed to school districts for supplemental assistance in  
16 high-need schools under [this section](#). The department shall  
17 submit its findings and recommendations in a report to the  
18 general assembly by January 15 annually.

19 Sec. 13. Section 284.15, subsection 7, paragraph a, Code  
20 2026, is amended to read as follows:

21 a. A school district may apply to the department for  
22 approval to implement the career paths, leadership roles,  
23 and compensation framework specified in [subsection 2](#), or  
24 a comparable system of career paths and compensation for  
25 teachers that contains differentiated multiple leadership  
26 roles. ~~The director shall consider the recommendations of the~~  
27 ~~commission established pursuant to [subsection 12](#) when approving~~  
28 ~~or disapproving applications submitted pursuant to this~~  
29 ~~section.~~ A school district may modify an approved framework or  
30 comparable system if the director or the director's designee  
31 approves the modification. A school district may appeal the  
32 director's or the director's designee's decision to the state  
33 board and the state board's decision is final.

34 EXPLANATION

35 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with

1 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

2 This bill relates to education reporting.

3 The bill requires the department of workforce development  
4 to provide unit-level wage data to the department of education  
5 upon request for the purpose of evaluating secondary and  
6 postsecondary program outcomes, including return on investment  
7 reporting. The bill defines "unit-level wage data" as  
8 individual-level employment records maintained by the  
9 department of workforce development, including but not limited  
10 to occupational title associated with a standard occupational  
11 classification code, hours worked, job-site location, wages,  
12 and employer industry classification. The bill permits the  
13 department of workforce development and the department of  
14 education to enter into data-sharing agreements.

15 The bill establishes the annual condition of education  
16 report. The bill requires the annual condition of education  
17 report to be submitted to the governor and general assembly by  
18 April 1 of each year. The bill consolidates several existing  
19 reports into the annual condition report, including the online  
20 learning report, the compilation of financial information  
21 related to the secure an advanced vision for education (SAVE)  
22 report and school infrastructure local option (SILO) report,  
23 the achievement gap report, the incidents of violence report,  
24 and the kindergarten literacy assessment report.

25 The bill incorporates the future ready Iowa last-dollar  
26 scholarship report into the college student aid commission's  
27 annual reporting by requiring the information be included  
28 in the report submitted pursuant to Code section 256.177,  
29 subsection 7.

30 The bill adds to the annual charter school report the  
31 information that charter schools and innovation zone schools  
32 are currently required to report under Code chapter 256F, and  
33 strikes the detailed reporting requirements from that chapter.

34 The bill provides that the high-need schools report in  
35 Code section 284.11 is contingent upon an appropriation by

1 retaining the requirement that findings and recommendations be  
2 submitted only if funding is appropriated for purposes of the  
3 Code section.

4 The bill modifies Iowa workforce development's ability to  
5 share unit-level data by permitting disclosure of individual  
6 and employer information if such reporting is required  
7 by federal or state law for purposes of accountability or  
8 evaluation.

9 The bill adds a duty to the Iowa student aid commission  
10 to oversee a statewide program-level postsecondary return on  
11 investment reporting system for eligible public institutions.  
12 Such institutions include community colleges and regents  
13 institutions, and are required to submit data in a form and  
14 manner specified by the commission. The bill requires the data  
15 submitted to include tuition and fees, time to completion,  
16 retention and completion rates, post-completion employment,  
17 median earnings, and alignment to high-demand occupations.

18 The bill requires the commission to compile and annually  
19 publish the data in a consumer-facing format. Institutions  
20 failing to comply with the data reporting requirement,  
21 as determined by the commission, are ineligible for  
22 state-administered student financial aid until substantial  
23 compliance is achieved.

24 The bill strikes an obsolete reference in Code chapter 284.