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SENATE FILE 431
BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1234)

(As Amended and Passed by the Senate March 18, 2015)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to required core curriculum and twenty-first
2 century learning skills addressed in rules adopted by the
3 state board of education.

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

1 Section 1. Section 256.7, subsection 26, paragraph a,
2 subparagraph (3), Code 2015, is amended to read as follows:

3 (3) The rules establishing a core curriculum shall address
4 the core content standards in subsection 28 and the skills and
5 knowledge students need to be successful in the twenty-first
6 century and shall address the curricular needs of students
7 in kindergarten through grade twelve in those areas. The
8 core curriculum shall include social studies and twenty-first
9 century learning skills which include but are not limited to
10 give the following:

11 (a) Civic literacy, health literacy, technology literacy,
12 financial literacy, and employability skills; ~~and shall address~~
13 ~~the curricular needs of students in kindergarten through grade~~
14 ~~twelve in those areas. The state board shall further define~~
15 ~~the twenty-first century learning skills components by rule.~~

16 (b) Music, visual art, drama and theater, and other fine
17 and applied arts. The department shall employ a consultant
18 to oversee the development of and compliance with the fine
19 arts core curriculum and to provide guidance for professional
20 development programs, strategies, and materials based on the
21 rules adopted by the state board pursuant to this subparagraph
22 division. This subparagraph division shall not be construed
23 to conflict with the provisions of section 256.11, subsection
24 3, 4, or 5, with regard to areas that are required to be
25 taught. The selection and administration of assessments of
26 music, visual art, drama and theater, or other fine arts
27 courses shall be determined locally by the school district or
28 accredited nonpublic school providing the educational program
29 in accordance with section 256.11. However, the department
30 may provide model assessments aligned with fine arts content
31 standards established by the state board.

32 Sec. 2. STATE MANDATE FUNDING SPECIFIED. In accordance with
33 Code section 25B.2, subsection 3, the state cost of requiring
34 compliance with any state mandate included in this Act shall
35 be paid by a school district from state school foundation aid

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1 received by the school district under Code section 257.16.
2 This specification of the payment of the state cost shall be
3 deemed to meet all of the state funding-related requirements
4 of Code section 25B.2, subsection 3, and no additional state
5 funding shall be necessary for the full implementation of this
6 Act by and enforcement of this Act against all affected school
7 districts.