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SENATE FILE 2362
BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3179)

(As Amended and Passed by the Senate March 7, 2018)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing requirements relating to the use
2 and identification of open educational resources by
3 postsecondary educational institutions.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 260C.14, Code 2018, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 25. Identify the courses that will utilize
4 open educational resources where the community college provides
5 information or mechanisms for course registration, which may
6 be on the internet. The community college shall consider
7 opportunities to mitigate the marginal costs of new editions
8 of existing textbooks. For purposes of this section, "*open*
9 *educational resources*" means materials used to support education
10 that are in the public domain or are under an open license and
11 that may be freely accessed, reused, modified, and shared,
12 including but not limited to instructional materials, tests,
13 course syllabi, and textbooks.

14 Sec. 2. Section 261.2, subsection 11, Code 2018, is amended
15 to read as follows:

16 11. Require any postsecondary institution whose students
17 are eligible for or who receive financial assistance under
18 programs administered by the commission to ~~transmit~~ do all of
19 the following:

20 a. Transmit annually to the commission information about the
21 numbers of minority students enrolled in and minority faculty
22 members employed at the institution. The commission shall
23 compile and report the information collected to the general
24 assembly, the governor, and the legislative services agency by
25 March 1 annually.

26 b. Identify the courses that will utilize open educational
27 resources, as defined in section 260C.14, subsection 25, where
28 the institution provides information or mechanisms for course
29 registration, which may be on the internet. The institution
30 shall consider opportunities to mitigate the marginal costs of
31 new editions of existing textbooks.

32 Sec. 3. Section 262.9, Code 2018, is amended by adding the
33 following new subsection:

34 NEW SUBSECTION. 39. Direct each institution of higher
35 learning under its control to identify the courses that will

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1 utilize open educational resources, as defined in section
2 260C.14, subsection 25, where the institution provides
3 information or mechanisms for course registration, which may be
4 on the internet. In addition, each institution shall develop
5 and implement, upon receiving board approval, a five-year plan
6 to increase the number of courses utilizing open educational
7 resources. In developing the plan, the institution shall
8 consider opportunities to mitigate the marginal costs of
9 new editions of existing textbooks. The plan shall include
10 metrics and goals for the percentage of courses that utilize
11 open educational resources. Prior to approving a plan under
12 this subsection, the board shall determine whether the plan is
13 sustainable beyond the initial five-year implementation and
14 whether the plan will effectively reduce students' textbook and
15 instructional materials costs.