

**House File 2244 - Reprinted**

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 594)

(COMPANION TO SF 2121 BY EVANS)

(As Amended and Passed by the House March 3, 2026)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to social studies instruction provided to  
2 students enrolled in grades seven through twelve, and  
3 including applicability provisions.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256E.7, subsection 2, paragraph h, Code  
2 2026, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

3 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (02) The educational standards of section  
4 256.11 relating to the social studies curriculum for grades seven  
5 through twelve.

6 Sec. 2. Section 256F.4, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended  
7 by adding the following new paragraph:

8 NEW PARAGRAPH. Ou. Be subject to and comply with the  
9 requirements of section 256.11 relating to the social studies  
10 curriculum for grades seven through twelve in the same manner as  
11 a school district.

12 Sec. 3. Section 256.11, subsection 4, paragraph a,  
13 subparagraph (2), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

14 (2) Social studies, including instruction related to civics  
15 and United States government. The instruction related to civics  
16 and United States government shall consist of at least one-half  
17 unit of credit, or the equivalent, during grade seven or grade  
18 eight. For purposes of this subparagraph, a unit of credit  
19 consists of a course or equivalent related components or partial  
20 units taught throughout the academic year.

21 Sec. 4. Section 256.11, subsection 5, paragraph b, Code 2026,  
22 is amended to read as follows:

23 b. (1) Five units of the social studies including  
24 instruction in voting statutes and procedures, voter registration  
25 requirements, the use of paper ballots and voting systems in  
26 the election process, and the method of acquiring and casting  
27 an absentee ballot. All students shall complete a minimum of  
28 ~~one-half~~ one unit of civics and United States government and one  
29 unit of United States history.

30 (2) The ~~one-half~~ one unit of civics and United States  
31 government shall include the all of the following:

32 (a) The voting procedure as described in this lettered  
33 paragraph and section 280.9A. The government instruction shall  
34 also include a

35 (b) A study of the Constitution of the United States and the

1 Bill of Rights contained in the Constitution and an assessment of  
2 a student's knowledge of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

3 Sec. 5. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to school years  
4 beginning on or after July 1, 2028.

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