

# House File 2226 - Reprinted

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BY COMMITTEE ON HIGHER  
EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 530)

(As Amended and Passed by the House February 24, 2026)

## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the bachelor of science in nursing program  
2 at the university of Iowa, including priority for admission  
3 and reporting requirements.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 262.9, Code 2026, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 39A. a. Not later than December 31, 2026,  
4 adopt a policy requiring that, beginning with the fall 2027  
5 semester, that not less than seventy percent of the students  
6 who are accepted into the bachelor of science in nursing  
7 program at the college of nursing at the state university of  
8 Iowa each year be residents of Iowa.

9 b. Adopt a policy that gives priority for admission to  
10 residents of Iowa who apply to the bachelor of science in  
11 nursing program at the state university of Iowa.

12 c. Adopt a policy requiring an application for admission  
13 to the bachelor of science in nursing program at the state  
14 university of Iowa to include an applicant attestation that  
15 includes all of the following:

16 (1) I was born in Iowa or graduated from an Iowa high  
17 school.

18 (2) I was not born in Iowa or did not graduate from an Iowa  
19 high school; however, I am interested in working in Iowa after  
20 graduation.

21 (3) I was not born in Iowa or did not graduate from an  
22 Iowa high school; however, I am interested in enrolling in the  
23 bachelor of science in nursing program at the state university  
24 of Iowa.

25 d. (1) Require the state university of Iowa to submit an  
26 annual report to the general assembly that contains, for the  
27 immediately preceding calendar year, all of the following:

28 (a) The number of applicants who are residents of Iowa who  
29 were accepted to the bachelor of science in nursing program.

30 (b) The number of applicants who are residents of Iowa  
31 who were not accepted to the bachelor of science in nursing  
32 program, and a brief statement related to why each applicant  
33 was denied.

34 (2) Personal information regarding an applicant in an  
35 annual report submitted pursuant to this paragraph shall

1 be kept confidential as required under the federal Family  
2 Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. §1252g, and in  
3 the same manner as personal information in student records  
4 maintained, created, collected, or assembled by or for a school  
5 corporation or education institution in accordance with section  
6 22.7, subsection 1.

7     *e.* For purposes of this subsection:

8       (1) "*Bachelor of science in nursing program*" means the  
9 undergraduate bachelor of science in nursing degree program  
10 offered by the college of nursing at the state university of  
11 Iowa.

12       (2) "*Resident of Iowa*" means an individual who graduated  
13 from an Iowa high school.