

Senate Study Bill 3109 - Introduced

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE
ON EDUCATION BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON EVANS)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring school districts, accredited nonpublic
2 schools, charter schools, and innovation zone schools to
3 provide success-sequence education in grades seven through
4 twelve.

5 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
4 section 256.11 relating to the social studies curriculum for
5 grades seven and eight and the personal finance literacy
6 curriculum for grades nine through twelve.

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

9 NEW PARAGRAPH. *Ou.* Be subject to and comply with the
10 requirements of section 256.11 relating to the social studies
11 curriculum for grades seven and eight and the personal finance
12 literacy curriculum for grades nine through twelve in the same
13 manner as a school district.

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

16 (2) Social studies, including instruction related to ~~civics~~
17 all of the following:

18 (a) Civics.

19 (b) Success-sequence education.

20 Sec. 4. Section 256.11, subsection 5, paragraph j,
21 subparagraph (1), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

22 (1) One unit of health education which may include
23 personal health; food and nutrition; environmental health;
24 safety and survival skills; consumer health; family life;
25 success-sequence education; age-appropriate and research-based
26 human growth and development that incorporates the standards
27 established under section 279.50, subsection 3, paragraph
28 "b"; substance use disorder and nonuse; emotional and social
29 health; health resources; cardiopulmonary resuscitation; and
30 prevention and control of disease, including age-appropriate
31 and research-based information regarding sexually transmitted
32 diseases.

33 Sec. 5. Section 256.11, subsection 5, paragraph k,
34 subparagraph (1), Code 2026, is amended by adding the following
35 new subparagraph division:

1 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH DIVISION. (j) Success-sequence education.
2 Sec. 6. Section 256.11, subsection 19, Code 2026, is amended
3 by adding the following new paragraph:

4 NEW PARAGRAPH. c. *"Success-sequence education"* means
5 instruction that addresses all of the following:

6 (1) The series of evidence-based, sequential milestones to
7 be accomplished prior to having children that has been shown to
8 help young adults achieve financial prosperity, physical and
9 mental health, and emotional well-being, including all of the
10 following:

11 (a) Obtaining at least a high school diploma.

12 (b) Securing full-time employment.

13 (c) Getting married.

14 (2) The evidence-based research indicating that marriage
15 generally provides financial, emotional, and health benefits to
16 the married individual and the married individual's children.

17 (3) The evidence-based research indicating that children
18 with divorced parents generally have an increased likelihood
19 of poverty and incarceration and an increased risk of negative
20 physical and mental health outcomes.

21 Sec. 7. STATE MANDATE FUNDING SPECIFIED. In accordance
22 with section 25B.2, subsection 3, the state cost of requiring
23 compliance with any state mandate included in this Act shall
24 be paid by a school district from state school foundation aid
25 received by the school district under section 257.16. This
26 specification of the payment of the state cost shall be deemed
27 to meet all of the state funding-related requirements of
28 section 25B.2, subsection 3, and no additional state funding
29 shall be necessary for the full implementation of this Act
30 by and enforcement of this Act against all affected school
31 districts.

32	EXPLANATION
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33 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
34 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

35 This bill requires school districts, accredited nonpublic

1 schools, charter schools, and innovation zone schools to
2 provide success-sequence education in grades 7 through 12.

3 The bill defines "success-sequence education" as instruction
4 that addresses the series of evidence-based, sequential
5 milestones to be accomplished prior to having children that has
6 been shown to help young adults achieve financial prosperity,
7 physical and mental health, and emotional well-being; the
8 evidence-based research indicating that marriage generally
9 provides financial, emotional, and health benefits to the
10 married individual and the married individual's children; and
11 the evidence-based research indicating that children with
12 divorced parents generally have an increased likelihood of
13 poverty and incarceration and an increased risk of negative
14 physical and mental health outcomes.

15 The bill incorporates success-sequence education into
16 the social studies curriculum in grades seven and eight for
17 students enrolled in school districts and accredited nonpublic
18 schools. Additionally, the bill incorporates success-sequence
19 education into the health education curriculum and the
20 personal finance literacy curriculum in grades 9 through 12 for
21 students enrolled in school districts and accredited nonpublic
22 schools. The bill requires charter schools and innovation zone
23 schools to provide such social studies curriculum and personal
24 finance literacy curriculum. Current law requires charter
25 zone schools and innovation zone schools to provide the same
26 health curriculum as school districts and accredited nonpublic
27 schools.

28 The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code
29 section 25B.3. The bill requires that the state cost of
30 any state mandate included in the bill be paid by a school
31 district from state school foundation aid received by the
32 school district under Code section 257.16. The specification
33 is deemed to constitute state compliance with any state mandate
34 funding-related requirements of Code section 25B.2. The
35 inclusion of this specification is intended to reinstate the

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1 requirement of political subdivisions to comply with any state
2 mandates included in the bill.