HOUSE FILE 2465
BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2081)

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A BILL FOR

An Act modifying provisions related to the curriculum provided to students enrolled in grades nine through twelve by allowing instruction related to agriculture to meet a portion of the unit requirements related to science [and allowing instruction related to applied sciences, technology, engineering, or manufacturing to meet a portion of the unit requirements related to mathematics].

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

Section 1. Section 256.11, subsection 5, paragraph a and e, Code 2024, are amended to read as follows:

a. Five units of science ~~including~~.

(1) The five units of science shall include physics and chemistry~~; the units of physics and chemistry~~, which may be taught in alternate years.

(2) The five units of science may include not more than two units of instruction related to agriculture, which may be offered and taught through dedicated units of coursework or through units of coursework that also meet the requirements of the coursework required under paragraph "*h*", subparagraph (1), subparagraph division (a). The state board shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to implement this subparagraph.

e. Two additional units of mathematics. The two additional units of mathematics may include instruction related to applied sciences, technology, engineering, or manufacturing, including transportation, distribution, logistics, architecture, and construction, which may be offered and taught through dedicated units of coursework or through units of coursework that also meet the requirements of the coursework required under paragraph "*h*", subparagraph (1), subparagraph division (c). The state board shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to implement this paragraph.

Sec. 2. Section 256E.7, subsection 2, paragraph g, Code 2024, is amended to read as follows:

g. Be subject to and comply with the requirements of section 256.7, subsection 21, and the educational standards of section 256.11, unless specifically waived by the state board during the application process; provided, however, that the state board shall not waive any of the following educational standards:

(1) The educational standards established in section 256.11, subsection 5, paragraph "*a*", related to the use of instruction related to agriculture to fulfill a portion of the unit requirements related to science.

(2) The educational standards established in section 256.11, subsection 5, paragraph "e", related to the use of instruction related to applied sciences, technology, engineering, or manufacturing to fulfill a portion of the unit requirements related to mathematics.]

Sec. 3. Section 256F.4, subsection 2, Code 2024, is amended by adding the following new [paragraphs]:

NEW PARAGRAPH. *p.* Be subject to and comply with the requirements of section 256.11, subsection 5, paragraph "a", relating to the use of instruction related to agriculture to fulfill [a portion of the] unit requirements related to science in the same manner as a school district.

[NEW PARAGRAPH. *q.* Be subject to and comply with the requirements of section 256.11, subsection 5, paragraph "e", relating to the use of instruction related to applied sciences, technology, engineering, or manufacturing to fulfill a portion of the unit requirements related to mathematics in the same manner as a school district.]