

2. School districts may encourage a student to receive an eye examination by a licensed ophthalmologist or optometrist prior to the student receiving special education services pursuant to chapter 256B. The eye examination is not a requirement for a student to receive special education services. A parent or guardian shall be responsible for ensuring that a student receives an eye examination pursuant to this section.

3. Area education agencies, pursuant to section 273.3, shall make every effort to provide, in collaboration with local community organizations, vision screening services to children ages two through four.

Sec. 2. **APPLICABILITY DATE.** This Act applies to school years beginning on or after July 1, 2009.

Approved April 18, 2008

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## CHAPTER 1101

### STATE RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, DEMONSTRATION, AND DISSEMINATION SCHOOL — PLANNING

*S.F. 2307*

**AN ACT** establishing committees to formulate plans for a state research and development pre-kindergarten through grade twelve school and providing an effective date.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. STATE OF IOWA RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, DEMONSTRATION, AND DISSEMINATION SCHOOL — COMMITTEES ESTABLISHED.

1. a. The director of the department of education and the president of the university of northern Iowa shall jointly establish a finance and funding committee and an implementation committee to develop detailed plans for expansion of the Price laboratory school at the university of northern Iowa as the state of Iowa research, development, demonstration, and dissemination school. The committees shall file a joint report with the general assembly, the governor, the board of regents, and the state board of education by January 15, 2009. The committees shall collaborate to ensure that their recommendations in the joint report are compatible.

b. The committees shall use the findings and recommendations of the research and development prekindergarten through grade twelve school feasibility study committee created in 2007 Iowa Acts, chapter 215, section 128, as the basis of each committee's plan.

2. Members of the finance and funding committee shall include individuals from the university of northern Iowa, the department of education, and educators with expertise in school finance. The committee shall develop a plan for sustained operational and capital funding both through the identification of new funding sources and through the restructuring of existing funding sources for the school. The committee shall evaluate the condition of the current Price laboratory school facility and determine whether renovation, including new construction, is recommended, and, in particular, renovation or new construction that would result in the Price laboratory school serving as a demonstration site in energy efficiency and energy efficient design.

3. Members of the implementation committee shall include Price laboratory school faculty, university of northern Iowa faculty, and department of education staff. The committee shall develop a detailed transition plan for expanding the Price laboratory school as a state of Iowa research, development, demonstration, and dissemination school and shall develop a detailed

governance structure that outlines the specific roles and responsibilities of the university of northern Iowa, the department of education, and the other individuals, boards, committees, and groups involved with the school. The committee shall focus on making recommendations regarding governance structure that result in creating the type of environment that must exist for a research, development, demonstration, and dissemination school to be effective, including the methods by which research will be translated into practice in all accredited public and nonpublic prekindergarten through grade twelve schools.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

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## CHAPTER 1102

### GROW IOWA VALUES FUND PROGRAMS AND REQUIREMENTS

*S.F. 2325*

**AN ACT** relating to the grow Iowa values fund by allocating moneys for the physical infrastructure assistance program and changing certain job and wage requirements, and providing an effective date.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. Section 15E.175, subsection 1, Code 2007, is amended by striking the subsection and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

1. The department shall establish a physical infrastructure financial assistance program to provide financial assistance for business or community physical infrastructure development or redevelopment projects. Physical infrastructure development or redevelopment projects include but are not limited to infrastructure projects involving any mode of transportation; public works and utilities such as sewer, water, power, or telecommunications; physical improvements which mitigate, prevent, or eliminate environmental contaminants; and any other project deemed appropriate by the department.

a. Physical infrastructure projects that create the necessary infrastructure for economic success throughout Iowa, that provide the foundation for the creation of quality, high-wage jobs, and that involve substantial capital investment may be eligible for financial assistance under the program if within three years of the completion of the project, the project meets certain performance measurements established by the department. The performance measurements may include but are not limited to a requirement for building infrastructure projects involving tenant businesses that the tenant businesses meet minimum job and wage requirements pursuant to section 15G.112. If, at the end of the three-year period, the project has not met the performance measurements established by the department, the department may seek to reclaim any funds granted through the program. At the department's discretion, a project may be granted an additional year of time to meet the performance measurements of this subsection.

b. The department shall adopt rules governing the awarding and use of funds pursuant to this section.

Sec. 2. Section 15G.111, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code Supplement 2007, is amended to read as follows:

a. For the fiscal period beginning July 1, ~~2005~~ 2007, and ending June 30, 2015, there is appro-