

HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

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Department of Education Clean-Up Bill

- Combines community college reports into one.
- Allows unobligated funds to be used for stipends for those who receive the advanced dyslexia specialist endorsement.
- DAS and Dept of Ed. shall establish compensation schedule for employees of the Iowa educational services for the blind and visually impaired program and all employees of the Iowa school for the deaf.

Section by Section Analysis

Division I: Reporting Requirements

Section 1. Section 256.7(23)

Combines community college reports into one.

Section 2. Section 260C.14(21)(c)

Combines the community college reports into the Annual Condition of Community Colleges report.

Section 3. Section 261E.3(3)(j)

Makes conforming changes for community college reports.

Division II: National Board Certification Program and Stipends

Section 4. Section 256.44(1)

Removes outdated “pilot program” language.

Section 5. Section 284.13(1)(a)

Funds in the national board certification awards that remain unencumbered and unobligated at the close of the fiscal year for which they were appropriated shall be available for expenditure by the Department for providing stipends to individuals who receive an advanced dyslexia specialist endorsement from the BOEE.

Section 6. Effective Date

Above section on unencumbered funds is effective upon enactment.

Division III: Iowa Educational Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired Program and the Iowa School for the Deaf

Section 7. Section 156.103

Amended to say that 279.27 (discharge of a teacher) applies for the educational services for the blind and visually impaired and employees of the school for the deaf whether or not licensed who are responsible for the care, instruction, or supervision of children.

DAS, in accordance with the Dept. of Ed, shall establish an annual compensation schedule applicable to all employees of the Iowa educational services for the blind and visually impaired program and all employees of the Iowa school for the deaf and shall set the employee benefits for such employees.

Division IV: Community College Instructors—Employment Contracts

Section 8. Section 279.13(4)

Amended to clarify what is considered a teacher at a community college. An instructor or faculty member who provides instruction to students enrolled in the community college that results in community college credit hours for the students and such instruction constitutes more than one-half of the instructor's or faculty member's workload, but does not include an adjunct instructor, a continuing education instructor, or a noncredit instructor.

"Continuing education instructor" means an individual employed by the CC who provides instruction primarily targeted toward adult learners or learners who are pursuing a CC education for a career or trade, including workforce development, job skills, personal enrichment, high school equivalency programs, and professional certification.

"Noncredit instructor" means an individual employed by the CC who provides instruction in courses or programs that do not result in CC credit hours for students, including courses or programs related to workforce training, personal development, tutoring, or continuing education.