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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act adding civics to the curriculum public and accredited  
 2 nonpublic schools are required to teach in grades seven and  
 3 eight.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 256.11, subsection 4, Code Supplement  
2 2001, is amended to read as follows:

3 4. The following shall be taught in grades seven and  
4 eight: English-language arts; social studies and civics;  
5 mathematics; science; health; human growth and development,  
6 family, consumer, career, and technology education; physical  
7 education; music; and visual art. The civics curriculum shall  
8 include the history and principles of the constitutional  
9 government of the United States and encourage competence and  
10 responsibility in the exercise of the rights and duties of  
11 citizens. The health curriculum shall include the  
12 characteristics of sexually transmitted diseases and acquired  
13 immune deficiency syndrome. The state board as part of  
14 accreditation standards shall adopt curriculum definitions for  
15 implementing the program in grades seven and eight. However,  
16 this subsection shall not apply to the teaching of family,  
17 consumer, career, and technology education in nonpublic  
18 schools.

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

29 EXPLANATION

30 This bill expands the educational standards that must be  
31 met by public and accredited nonpublic schools by adding  
32 civics to the social studies curriculum in grades seven and  
33 eight. The bill specifies that the civics curriculum must  
34 include the history and principles of the constitutional  
35 government of the United States and encourage competence and

1 responsibility in the exercise of the rights and duties of  
2 citizens.

3     The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code  
4 section 25B.3. The bill requires that the state cost of any  
5 state mandate included in the bill be paid by a school  
6 district from state school foundation aid received by the  
7 school district under Code section 257.16. The specification  
8 is deemed to constitute state compliance with any state  
9 mandate funding-related requirements of Code section 25B.2.  
10 The inclusion of this specification is intended to reinstate  
11 the requirement of political subdivisions to comply with any  
12 state mandates included in the bill.

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