



AMENDMENT SUMMARY

HF 2679 Education Budget

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Amendments

H-8476 by Struyk and Pettengill (R)

- Reduces the department of education general appropriation by \$302,914.
- Increases the state school for the deaf appropriation by \$193,792.
- Increase the Iowa Braille and sight saving school allocation by \$109,122.

H-8495 by Winckler (D)

Allows the reduction in grant amounts to community Empowerment areas to be applied to the categorical funding requirements at the discretion of each area, regardless of the ending balance from FY07.

H-8492 by Kaufmann (R)

The legislative council will require an independent study to evaluate and compare the rigor of the first two years of study at a community college or Regents school. A report of the study will be available by July 1, 2009.

H-8493 by Kaufmann and L. Miller (R)

Establishes a State Postsecondary transfer and articulation oversight committee that will be comprised of two persons from community college boards and two persons from Regents schools. The committee will meet to resolve disputes over credit and transfer between a community college and a regent school. The committee will meet at least four times a year. Requires the community colleges to enter into a statewide articulation agreement with the state board of Regents. The articulation agreement will provide for the seamless transition between the schools and include the following information:

- list the general education core courses for an associate degree
- policies and procedures for the seamless transfer and application of credits
- policies and procedures for the implementation of an appeals process
- policies and procedures for the annual review and updating of the agreement
- policies and procedures for the collection of data

The transfers will allow for up to 80 hours of credits earned as part of an associate degree to transfer into a baccalaureate degree program. An annual report will also be prepared that summarizes the data collected and include an analysis of the effect of the agreement.

H-8487 by Lukan, Boal, Heaton (R) and Mertz and Zirkelbach (D)

Further defines private school textbooks to include books that contribute to the learning process, electronic textbooks, and computer hardware.

H-8496 by Van Fossen and Lukan (R)

Increases the higher education tuition tax credits that can be taken for tuition at a private school from \$7.5 million to \$10 million for the tax year 2009 and years after.