

Senate File 2154 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to science instruction and the Iowa core
2 content standards applicable to certain specified students
3 of school districts and accredited nonpublic schools.

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

1 Section 1. Section 256.7, subsection 28, Code 2022, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 28. Adopt a set of core content standards applicable
4 to all students in kindergarten through grade twelve in
5 every school district and accredited nonpublic school. For
6 purposes of *this subsection*, "core content standards" includes
7 reading, mathematics, and science. The core content standards
8 for science for grades seven through twelve shall include
9 science-based information regarding the anthropogenic causes
10 of climate change. School districts and accredited nonpublic
11 schools shall include, at a minimum, the core content standards
12 adopted pursuant to *this subsection* in any set of locally
13 developed content standards. School districts and accredited
14 nonpublic schools are strongly encouraged to set higher
15 expectations in local standards. As changes in federal law or
16 regulation occur, the state board is authorized to amend the
17 core content standards as appropriate.

18 EXPLANATION

19 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
20 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

21 This bill relates to science instruction and the Iowa core
22 content standards applicable to certain specified students of
23 school districts and accredited nonpublic schools.

24 Current law requires the state board of education to adopt
25 a set of core content standards that apply to all students in
26 kindergarten through grade 12 in every school district and
27 accredited nonpublic school that includes reading, mathematics,
28 and science. The bill requires the science instruction
29 provided to students enrolled in grade 7 through grade 12 to
30 include science-based information regarding the anthropogenic
31 causes of climate change.