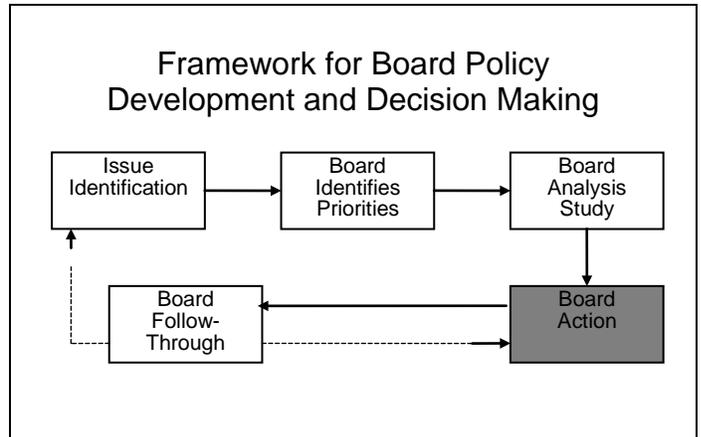


Iowa State Board of Education

Executive Summary

November 20, 2013



Agenda Item: Rules: Chapter 1 – Organization and Operation (State Board Student Member) (Notice)

Iowa Goal: All PK-12 students will achieve at a high level.

State Board Role/ Authority: Iowa Code section 256.7(5) gives the State Board of Education the statutory authority to adopt rules under chapter 17A.

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Attachments: 1

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board give public notice of its intent to amend Chapter 1.

Background: House File 454 made code correction changes in the Iowa Code. One change impacted membership for the student member of the State Board. Now, students may serve an additional one-year term without having to reapply for the position, should they have their service begin in their junior year. Previously, they had to reapply to do so. Also, minor changes were made to the application process, including notification requirements and student submission of a third letter of support for their application.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT [281]

Notice of Intended Action

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 256.7(5), the State Board of Education hereby proposes to amend Chapter 1, "Organization and Operation," Iowa Administrative Code.

House File 454, the Department of Education Code Correction Bill, included an expansion of length of service of the student member for a term of one or two years. In addition, there are minor adjustments to the review process for applicants, reducing paperwork and a submission step.

An agency-wide waiver provision is provided in 281—chapter 4.

Interested individuals may make written comments on the proposed amendments on or before December 31, 2013, at 4:30 p.m. Comments on the proposed amendments should be directed to Mike Cormack, Rules Coordinator, Iowa Department of Education, Second Floor, Grimes State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0146; telephone (515)281-3399; or E-mail Mike.Cormack@Iowa.gov.

A public hearing will be held on December 31, 2013, from 1:00-2:00 p.m., at the State Board Room, Second Floor, Grimes State Office Building, East 14th Street and Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, at which time persons may present their views either orally or in writing. Any persons who intend to attend the public hearing and have special requirements, such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact and advise the Department of Education of their specific needs by calling (515)281-5295.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

These amendments are intended to implement 2013 House File 454, section 1.

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Amend rule **281—1.2(1)** as follows:

281—1.2(17A,256) Student member of state board of education. The governor shall appoint a public high school student to serve as a nonvoting member of the state board of education.

1.2(1) Term. The nonvoting student member shall serve a ~~one year~~ term, from May 1 to April 30. The student member may serve a second year as the nonvoting student member, without having to reapply for the position, if they have another year of high school eligibility remaining before graduation. ~~The student may apply for and serve a second term if the student will not graduate from high school prior to the end of the second term.~~ A vacancy in the membership of the nonvoting student member shall not be filled until the expiration of the term.

1.2(2) Qualifications. No changes.

ITEM 2. Amend rule **281---1.2(3)** as follows:

1.2(3) Application process. The application process for the nonvoting student member is as follows:

a. The department shall, on behalf of the state board, prepare and disseminate application forms to all school districts in Iowa. In addition to the application itself, the student shall submit all of the following:

(1) A consent form signed by the student's parent or guardian.

(2) An approval of the application signed by the superintendent of the student's district of enrollment or the superintendent's designee.

(3) A letter of recommendation from a high school teacher from whom the student

received instruction.

(4) A letter of recommendation from a person in the community familiar with the student's community activities.

~~(5) A letter of recommendation from any third person.~~

b. The number of applicants in a year from any one district is limited as follows:

(1) If district enrollment for grades 10 through 12 is less than 400 students, there may be no more than one applicant from the district.

(2) If district enrollment for grades 10 through 12 is from 400 to 1199 students, there may be no more than two applicants from the district.

(3) If district enrollment for grades 10 through 12 is 1200 students or more, there may be no more than three applicants from the district.

c. All applications shall be submitted on or before February 1 of the year in which the term is to begin. Applications may be hand-delivered or postmarked on or before February 1 to the Iowa Department of Education, Office of the Director, Grimes State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0146.

d. All applications shall be initially screened by a committee to be appointed by the director of the department. The initial screening committee shall select not more than 20 semifinalists. If fewer than a total of 20 applications are received, the initial screening process may be omitted, at the discretion of the director of the department.

e. The applications of the semifinalists shall be reviewed by a committee appointed by the president of the state board. The committee shall submit a list of two to five finalists to the state board for approval and submission to the governor, who shall appoint the student member from the list submitted by the state board of education.